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Attempt to blow up El Al plane

Syria accused of terrorism

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has stated flatly that Syria was responsible for the thwarted attempt last month to place a bomb on an El Al airliner at London's Heathrow Airport.

Rabin was the first ranking Israeli official to directly accuse Syria. He was interviewed here on CBS-TV Morning News. He declined to offer evidence to substantiate his charge on grounds that some of his information was classified to protect "the people who were involved in this inquiry and investigation."

However, Rabin made clear in response to questions that Syria's involvement was not simply his own opinion but that of the Israel government. Asked if the others in the coalition cabinet would be willing to make the same charge, he replied "There is no question about this. This isn't a matter of an inner political problem."

Asked if Israel would consider retaliation against Syria, Rabin said, "We don't speak anymore about retaliation."

He explained: "A war against terrorism has to be looked at in its entirety and we have to devise an autonomous strategy that includes defensive and offensive means. Offensive means are whatever we do in terms of attacking the terrorist targets wherever and whenever we can find them, whenever we can do it effectively."

Meanwhile, Israel has gone out of its way to assure Syria it has no intention of attacking that country. Premier Shimon Peres solemnly affirmed this to his colleagues at a cabinet meeting and in extracts made public of a radio interview to be broadcast on the occasion of Israel's Independence Day.

It was also learned that Peres sent a message to Damascus through high level American diplomatic sources over the weekend confirming privately to President Hafez Assad what he has been saying in public here.

Peres blames Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat for spreading false rumors in recent weeks that an Israeli attack on Syria was imminent. He also made it clear that Israel does not expect to be attacked by Syria, though it remains constantly alert on its nothern borders.

Rabin, Weinberger sign agreement on Star Wars

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger last week signed a memorandum of understanding on Israeli participation in the Reagan administration's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) or Star Wars.

The agreement allows Israeli laboratories, research establishments and companies to bid on contracts for SDI research, according to Frank Gaffney, deputy assistant secretary of defence for international security policy.

But Gaffney said the agreement was "classified," as were accompanying letters. He would not reveal what kind of research Israel would do, except to say the Israelis would focus on "wherever they have the capability."

The brief signing ceremony was held at the Pentagon, with Weinberger stressing that the agreement "advances further" the SDI program. He noted that Britain and West Germany had earlier signed agreements to participate.

Rabin said that Israel wanted to cooperate in the program "in the way which helps our own problems along."

While Rabin did not explain what he meant, Gaffney indicated that, in the short term, Israel is concerned about a defence system against antiballistic missiles.

Although SDI is controversial in the United States, it is not in Israel, where Israel's participation is seen as a means of helping the economy as well as keeping Israeli scientists and technological personnel from emigrating.

However, Gaffney noted that it was possible that some of the funding for the project would come from Israel.

After the ceremony, Rabin and Weinberger met over lunch to discuss other issues. Earlier in the day, Rabin met with Vice-president George Bush at the White House for 30 minutes, after which they stressed to reporters the need for continued cooperation against international terrorism.

Israeli helping radiation victims

NEW YORK (JTA) — An Israeli-born Weizmann Institute of Science specialist in bone marrow transplants left last week for Moscow to aid patients suffering marrow damage from radiation poisoning as a result of the Soviet nuclear plant accident at Chernobyl.

The Israeli expert is Dr. Yair Reisner, affiliated with the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot since 1961, and currently working at New York's Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Two other bone marrow experts — Drs. Paul Terasaki and Richard Gale — also left for Moscow with Reisner to aid the patients.

Reisner's revolutionary method of bone marrow purification, developed while at Sloan-Kettering, has been used in more than 160 marrow transplants. The success rate has been 70% in children with leukemia and 60% in children with genetic defects that deprive them of immune defences.

While Terasaki specializes in getting the closest possible match between the patient's body and the transplanted marrow, Reisner's method cleanses donated marrow of cells that cause the rejection, according to a spokesperson for the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute here.

Eban issues warning

NEW YORK (JTA) — Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee, warned here last week that unless Israel ceases its rule of the West Bank and Gaza, it could become "another Lebanon."

Addressing more than 150 major contributors and campaign leadership of the United Jewish Appeal - Federations, Eban said that Israel will suffer all the ills of civil war-torn Lebanon if it incorporates the more than 1.5 million Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza into Israel proper.

"Let Israel not become another Lebanon," the former foreign minister said. "After 19 years it is clear that even in the next 19 years there will not be a parliamentary majority for applying Israeli law" in the administered territory, Eban declared, noting that only a few weeks ago the Israeli Knesset rejected a bill for the application of Israeli law in the territories.

A hearty mazel tov to the Scharanskys!

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Avital Scharansky's second greatest wish has come true. After 12 years of forced separation from her husband Anatoly, the woman who never gave up hope is going to be a mother.

The Scharanskys are expecting their first child, a spokesman for the family has announced. Avital, 35 and in her second month of pregnancy, did not accompany her husband on his first visit to the United States this week because doctors have told her to rest.

• For more on Scharansky in New York see page 6.

Reitman elected with 70% of vote

By PAUL LUNGEN

Dorothy Reitman, elected president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, calls for new directions in the operations of CJC.

TORONTO — The 21st Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress came to a close on Sunday with the election of Dorothy Reitman of Montreal as president.

Reitman, who served in the number 2 position as chairperson of the CJC national executive for the past three years, became the first-ever woman to head CJC, defeating lawyer Moshe Ronen.

Although no official tally was announced, Reitman confirmed rumors she garnered 70% of the vote to Ronen's 30%. Since approximately 950 delegates registered during the 5-day assembly, according to Ian Kagedan, a CJC staffer who dealt with delegate credentials and registration, that would translate into about 665 votes for Reitman and 285 for Ronen.

In her first speech as CJC president, Reitman sounded a conciliatory note to challenger Ronen, saying she hoped he and other young people would continue to be actively involved in Congress activities.

Harkening to the plenary theme of new directions for Canadian Jewry, Reitman called for the creation of task forces to address the recommendations of the delegates for social action on a broad range of topics: employment equity, the further integration of small (Jewish) communities into the Congress network, promoting the cause of Soviet Jewry and supporting Israel.

Later, speaking to reporters, Reitman said she hoped to broaden the scope of Congress to give communities outside of Montreal and Toronto more input into the organization and draw on the human resources these communities contain.

She said she expected Congress to be more involved in social issues such as equality for women, the disabled and the poor and to reach out to other multicultural communities on a range of issues, including the investigation of Nazi war criminals in Canada.

On the question of Jewish education — something Ronen stressed in his "issue-oriented campaign" — Reitman said the two

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Congress takes stand against return of noose

By JANICE ARNOLD & PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress last week voted to oppose the restoration of the death penalty in Canada.

After some debate, delegates to the 21st Triennial Plenary of CJC determined to add a Jewish voice to the public debate on capital punishment.

The resolution was one of 67 presented to the 950 voting delegates who attended the 5-day meeting of "the parliament of Canadian Jewry."

They ranged from a variety of domestic issues such as the day care and Jewish demography and fertility to international concerns, such as resolutions on Soviet and Syrian Jewry.

In the debate on capital punishment, outgoing president Milton Harris said it was the responsibility of Congress to lead public opinion within the Jewish community on the question while recognizing there are different views within the community on the issue.

Law professor Fred Zemans, chairman of the law and social action committee of CJC Ontario Region, argued it is in keeping with Jewish tradition to oppose the taking of life.

Another resolution urged the Canadian government to extend the mandate of the Deschenes Commission investigating Nazi war criminals in Canada, "so it may complete an extensive and thorough examination of all the relevant evidence, both in Canada and abroad."

A resolution on South African apartheid occasioned some debate, with CJC resolving to "express its condemnation of South Africa's apartheid policy," and to consider how it can help the South African Jewish community.

Several other resolutions occasioned lively debate,

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The CJC Plenary

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• A second series of reports on the plenary will be carried in our May 22 issue.

New Costa Rica cabinet contains three Jews

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (JTA) — Costa Rica's new president, Dr. Oscar Arias Sanchez, who took office last week, has appointed three members of the Jewish community, all women, as deputies to key cabinet offices.

They are: Ophelia Rubinstein, Housing, Sandra Pisk, Planning, and Rebeca Grynspan, Treasury.

Another member of the Jewish community, Luis Fishman, of the opposition Social Christian Party, was elected a deputy in the National Assembly.

The Israeli delegation to the inauguration of Arias Sanchez was led by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir who spoke to more than 500 members of the Costa Rican Jewish community. He called Costa Rica "a real democracy" and cited democracy as the tie that binds Israel and Costa Rica, which has been a staunch supporter of the Jewish state.

Shamir praised outgoing President Luis Alberto Monge as a friend who is not afraid to demonstrate his friendship for Israel. "President Monge will enter into Jewish history," said Shamir, for having moved his country's embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem shortly after taking office four years ago.

World-National

Ex-Refusenik thrills temple congregation

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Suddenly it happened. The prayers, the chants, the Hallel — all followed the well-loved pattern of a stately Yom Tov morning service.

The Torah service brought us the familiar recital of liberation long ago. A pause; the rabbi addressed the congregation before the next person was called for an aliyah.

Rabbi Plaut

"And now it gives us great pleasure to call to the reading of the Torah for the first time in his life, the Refusenik of yesterday, Holy Blossom's adopted son, Anatoly Vasilevsky." As his Hebrew name was called a slightly built, middle-aged man rose from the seat and made his way to the bima.

The congregation sat hushed. The Feast of Freedom had suddenly assumed a special dimension.

Haltingly, clearly moved to the core, the man who for 15 years had demanded his right to be a Jew, pronounced the blessings. The words sent a chill down my spine. Here was a descendant of our ancient people who had been freed from spiritual slavery and had re-enacted the Exodus in his own life. A small moment in history, but a large memory to be cherished by all who were witnesses that morning.

Vasilevsky had come from Boston where he now lives. He was in Toronto for Pesach, to spend it with the congregation that for years had adopted his family, had visited and encouraged him in the Soviet Union and had been his lifeline to the free world. A linguist and legal expert on trademarks, he has not as yet found his economic niche. But he is not worried. "I have so many good friends," he says, "and once our English is better I will find something worthwhile."

He is a modest, unassuming man. His English was good enough to address the congregation on the Sunday night following. What moved so many Jews to endure the hardships of a Refusenik? he was asked. For it is well known that those who apply to leave the Soviet Union are stripped by the government of position and income, and are generally reduced to a materially depressed existence.

What keeps them on their self-appointed path, said Vasilevsky, is their sense of Jewish kinship and the realization of a pervasive anti-semitism which, far from having subsided as the Soviets would have the world believe, has increased steadily. "It follows you from the cradle to the grave," he emphasized.

Members of the congregation's Soviet Jewry committee had just returned from a trip to Russia. Their intensely personal slide presentation, featuring not landscapes and buildings but people yearning for freedom, sent us home sobered and yet encouraged.

The challenge to Moses, to return to Egypt and lead his people out of the house of bondage, is addressed also to us, in our time.

Air strikes against Libya

Israeli experience aids U.S. pilots

By
WOLF BLITZER

OCEANA, Va. — Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has been told by U.S. naval pilots that the lessons learned from Israel's earlier combat experience against Soviet-made equipment had significantly helped the U.S. last month during its own air strikes against Libya.

"We learned a lot from the performance of the Israeli pilots," Rear Admiral Jerry Riedneau told Rabin on May 5 during a tour of the U.S. Air Naval Station here. "We had many of the same problems that you had over there."

Riedneau, the Oceana base commander, introduced four U.S. pilots who had participated in the U.S.-Libyan confrontation over the Gulf of Sidra and the subsequent bombing of Libya. Aided by videotaped film of the actual operations, the pilots gave the visiting defence minister a first-hand account of the incidents.

When film was shown of a Libyan MiG-23 approaching some of the U.S. F-14s over the Gulf of Sidra, Riedneau said: "I know that for the Israeli fighter pilots in this room, this is not an unusual sight."

Rabin, accompanied by senior aides, was flown from the Pentagon by a U.S. Marine Corps helicopter to the Oceana base to see the squadron of Israeli-made Kfir jet fighters leased to the U.S. Navy last year. The 12 Kfirs, now designated the F-21 by the U.S. Navy, are used to simulate Soviet-made MiG-21 and MiG-23 fighters in training exercises.

Rabin was told by Riedneau that the Kfir program has been "very successful." The admiral predicted that the 12 Kfirs will remain in the service of the U.S. Navy as long as they can fly. "My gut feeling is that they will never see the skies of Israel again," Riedneau said.

The defence minister, who toured the naval facility and observed the Kfirs in action during a precision fly-past, said: "Normally, we're used to using American-made equipment in Israel. It's nice for a change to see Israeli-made equipment used in the United States."

Rabin's visit to this base dramatically underscored the unusually close state of American-Israeli military ties. In briefing the defence minister on the incidents in Libya, for example, the American officers were extremely candid.

Rabin, for his part, contrasted Libya's capabilities with those of Syria. He noted that Syria has a much more sophisticated electronic warfare capability. Libya was now only beginning to absorb this kind of equipment, he said.

U.S. and Israeli officials said that most of the technical data of the confrontations had already been passed to Israel through normal military channels. Israel, over the years, has always provided the U.S. with similar details of its own military actions against Soviet-made equipment.

Rabin, after leaving Oceana, met at the state department in Washington with Deputy Secretary John Whitehead for what U.S. and Israeli officials described as a general "tour d'horizon" of bilateral and regional issues.

But much of the day was devoted to a tour of the huge air naval station near Norfolk, Virginia. The defence minister chatted with some of the 14 experienced American pilots trained in Israel to fly the Kfirs. He also met briefly with some of the Israeli Aircraft Industry personnel brought to Oceana to maintain the Kfir squadron. There are 20 Israeli and 65 American mechanics involved in the program.

The Kfirs have just won a safety award from the U.S. chief of naval operations for their performance during their first year in service in the United States. U.S. Navy Commander Peter Burgren, the Kfir squadron leader, said that the Kfirs had a 95% "mission readiness" capability this year as compared to the 87% level achieved by the U.S.-made F-5 fighters, also used in the same training program.

U.S. and Israeli officials are close to reaching final agreement on the transfer of a second squadron of 13 Kfirs to be based in Yuma, Arizona, for a similar adversary training program.

The president of Israel Aircraft Industries, Moshe Keret, who joined Rabin for the tour, was clearly pleased by the first $80 million Kfir lease arrangment. He said that the second deal was very close to completion.

Commander Burgren said that Kfirs this past year flew a total of 3,060 combat hours. He predicted that they will fly 4,500 hours during their second year in U.S. service.

While the Americans had many nice things to say about the Israeli-made planes, they were also quite frank in discussing some of the negative aspects of the Kfirs. Burgren, for instance, noted that the Kfirs did not pose enough of a challenge to a good pilot flying a top-of-the-line F-14 fighter. The U.S. Navy hopes to bring some faster and more sophisticated F-16s into the training program to help meet this challenge.

Burgren also noted that the Kfir uses more gasoline than the F-5s in the program.

But both Burgren and Riedneau agreed that those setbacks were more than made up by the other positive aspects of the Kfirs. They also pointed out that the U.S. Navy hopes to bring to the Oceana base an Israeli Kfir pilot in the coming months to help the Americans "fine-tune" the training program.

Learning tolerance

TEL AVIV — Jewish and Arab high school teachers and principals are learning to cope with each other's differences in a program developed by Tel Aviv University's School of Education.

"It is imperative that Israel society deal with the problem of relations between the Jewish majority and the Arab minority, because this is an issue that poses a threat to Israel's democracy," said program coordinator Prof. Tali Ben-Gal.

Since part of the problem is mutual ignorance, the first aim of the program is to provide knowledge. For both Arab and Jewish teachers, Bar-Ilan stressed, learning about each other's personal lives and problems is as important as the lectures on Jewish and Arab history, society, culture and religion.

Participants in the program also study how stereotypes and prejudices are formed, and how they can be altered, she said.

"Love Story of the Century" isn't for today's relationships

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

She was born Bessie Wallis Warfield in 1896, and she died the Duchess of Windsor. In between she was Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Simpson, but she played only one big role, one part for the history books, and the newspapers. She was the co-star of "The Love Story of the Century."

The most memorable lines in the greatest romantic hit of the 1930s were not those delivered by or even to this American woman. They were the words spoken to the British Empire by the man who loved her.

On Dec. 11, 1936, the man who could not be both king and Mrs. Simpson's third husband said this to his people: "You must believe me when I tell you that I have found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility and to discharge my duties as king as I would wish to do without the help and support of the woman I love." Edward VIII's monologue sent goosebumps through an entire generation.

From that moment on, Wally Simpson would have to be a wife worth more than the crown of England and Edward VIII would have to find more fulfilment as husband than as ruler of the British Empire. Love had to be worth the price.

If the former king had second thoughts during their 35 years of marriage he never expressed them. "She is the perfect woman," he said again and again, "We were made for one another — even if it meant giving up my throne."

But the woman on the receiving end of this exchange never quite could explain it. "Nobody ever called me beautiful or even pretty. I was thin in an era when a certain plumpness was a girl's ideal. My jaw was clearly too big and too pointed to be classic. And no one has ever accused me of being intellectual," she wrote. "Perhaps I was one of the first to penetrate his inner loneliness."

I don't know how this love story played out in its offstage hours. There are some who say it turned sour, the duchess a shrew and the duke a wimp, their 3½ decades spent at dinner parties and travels with pug dogs and visits to the couturier. Others say they were devoted; when he died, she kept his clothes pressed and shoes lined up in his closet.

But I do know something about how our love-story scripts have been rewritten. In the 30s, tales of romance were steeped in such sacrifice. The King of England, David as he was called, was the shining star of this period piece, but the cast of the times measured love through more plebian sacrifice.

It was routine for women in that era to give up titles — though far less glittering — for love that made some guy trade in his independence to support a doll.

Today we are not so sure. Today we talk about love as something meant to enhance an individual life. Love, we say, is a relationship between two people who are each stronger and better for it. Love, we declare, makes me a better person, makes my life fuller. The dialogue of our modern romance is less about merger and submerger than about individual gain.

If David and Wallis were to act out their pivotal scene now in the 80s, what would it look like? If David offered to give up the crown, would Wallis say, "I don't know if I can handle that, David." Would David's therapist encourage him to "become a whole person" first; "You cannot look to another person to complete your own life."

In a half-century, we have become much more reluctant to ask or even accept everything of the people we love. We are far more skittish about carrying the burden of someone else's self-sacrifice. Nor do we sacrifice the way we once did. For every man or woman who would give up a crown for love now there are a thousand who are not sure that they would give up a transfer to Silicon Valley.

"I have had to live in the knowledge that . . . my every action," wrote this woman who died at 89 years old, "is inevitably judged against the fact of my being married to a former king." This footnote to "The Love Story of the Century" carries more of a shudder than a goosebump into our modern consciousness.

We have learned the costs of sacrifice. We don't want to lose our own lives in partnership. The tenuous quality of today's love stories encourages us to withhold, keep some part separate just in case. But this same withholding may make love more tenuous.

The Duchess referred to the Duke as "My Prince Charming." Have you noticed how few lovers believe in fairy tales anymore?

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Israel will offer ICAO plan to fight terrorism

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In face of one of the worst years of aerial and airport terrorism, Israel has announced that it will submit a comprehensive plan to combat terrorism against airline passengers and crew to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) when it holds its general assembly in Montreal in September.

Transportation Minister Haim Corfu said Israel would call on all ICAO member states to adopt operational procedures aimed at deterring terrorist acts, punish perpetrators and take appropriate retaliatory measures. Corfu said he had had a positive response from transport ministers throughout the world to an earlier appeal for action.

He said Israel would appeal again to those countries which demonstrate a readiness to assist in the struggle and will suggest that they cooperate in the preparation of the Israeli plan, present it jointly to the ICAO and press for its adoption.

According to transport ministry figures released here, international terrorism worsened appreciably in 1985 and took a severe toll of lives. The report noted that more than 500 people were killed.

The explosion of an Air India jet over the Atlantic last year took 320 lives. The hijacking of an Air Egypt plane resulted in the deaths of 60 passengers. Terrorist attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports killed 15. So far, in 1986, 30 passengers have been killed in bomb explosions aboard a TWA airliner and a Sri Lanka Airlines plane.

The CJC Plenary

To attract next generation of Jews

Harris calls for "relevant" CJC agenda

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Milton Harris has urged Canadian Jewish Congress to develop a new agenda relevant for the next generation of Canadian Jewry.

The outgoing president of Congress, in his final speech as chief officer, chided CJC for not having changed its agenda "sufficiently."

Speaking at Congress' plenary assembly here, Harris delivered his remarks as he summarized his 3-year presidency.

Harris told delegates that "the priorities of Canadian Jewish Congress are much more reflective of our historical legacy than they are of the present realities of our position in Canadian society."

Canadian society, he said, has been transformed since Congress' rebirth 53 years ago. "I often think that this transformation has bypassed the leadership of our communal organization.

"To the extent that this is so, we do not effectively represent our Jewish constitutency," he added.

Harris said that Jews in Canada today do not face the hostility and discrimination that was the lot of his generation.

Outgoing Canadian Jewish Congress president Milton Haris carries Sefer Torah donated by the Chmelnick Society to CJC Ontario Region's chaplaincy services at a welcome reception for plenary assembly delegates. [Graphic Artists photo]

"Can any of us maintain that our children's employment opportunities or choice of vocation has been influenced by the fact that they are Jewish? The reality that our Jewish communal organizations have not faced is that we are living in an open society. As far as Jews are concerned, we can no longer rely on external hostility to help us maintain our Jewish identity and communal cohesiveness."

Citing a poll conducted several years ago by Martin Goldfarb, Harris said that 91% of Canadians regard Jews as "full Canadians."

Canadian Jews, he went on to say, have made great contributions to this country. And this is "widely recognized" in Canadian society.

Anti-semitism in Canada has not disappeared, he warned. But inciters of racial and ethnic hatred like Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra represent a fringe element. "Today in Canada, anti-semitism, in the historical sense of a desire to deny social equality to Jews, is not a significant factor anywhere in the mainstream of Canadian life."

Drawing conclusions from his thesis, Harris commented that the "real threat" to Jewish survival here comes from "the open society," not external pressure. Despite this, Congress still devotes "most of its resources" to community relations and combating anti-semitism.

"We have not changed our agenda sufficiently to attract the next generation of Jews who do not have the same focus on narrow Jewish concerns as we have had.

"We need to develop a Congress agenda whose priorities are relevant to the next generation who want to carry their Jewish ethical tradition into an open, humane and equal multicultural Canadian nation.

"The result is that most of the time Congress officer and executive meetings are taken up with issues that are not considered relevant to their lives by the great majority of my children's generation."

Turning to other matters, Harris said one of his major achievements as president had been to "Canadianize" Congress.

He said he had shifted Congress' attention sufficiently away from Montreal and Toronto — where most Canadian Jews live — so that Jews in other parts of Canada could feel they were playing a role in its affairs. "There had to be a strong effort to refocus the attention of the centre towards the rest of the country."

Congress also increased its work with small Jewish communities, and created "a truly national community relations committee."

In a reference to the Deschenes Commission, Harris said it was his expectation that it would "leave no stone unturned" in its pursuit of evidence against anyone who had committed war crimes. "That means traveling anywhere in the world where the evidence is available," he said, referring to the current question of whether its members should travel to the Soviet Union to collect affidavits and wartime material.

Harris assured East European ethnic groups here that Congress was making no accusations against any of their members. "Nevertheless, we are convinced that any individual living in Canada, of whatever ethnic background, against whom there exists sufficient evidence, should be prosecuted with the full force of the law."

In his address, Harris also urged Congress to focus on Canadian human rights issues, and to develop a new relationship between Canada and Israel that would reflect the reality "that neither of us can survive as Jews without the other."

He said that Congress' national staff had been strengthened under his administration.

Eliashiv Ben-Horin, Israel's ambassador to Canada, urged Jews to travel to Israel despite the threat of terrorism to international aviation. "If you don't do it, who will?"

He said that the current spate of terrorism was being inspired and carried out by people who were opposed to a Middle East settlement.

Dan Meridor, a Herut member of the Knesset, and formerly Israeli cabinet secretary, conceded he was disappointed that some North American Jews had succumbed to terrorists' threat by canceling their trips to Israel.

"The opposite should be the policy and behavior of all of us," he declared.

Meridor said he was glad to note that, as a result of the policies of the U.S. government, there has been a public recognition of the phenomenon of state-supported terrorism.

He urged a universal campaign of diplomatic and economic war against countries which back and harbor terrorists.

In a brief statement on the Kurt Waldheim controversy, Meridor disagreed with the notion that it was purely an Austrian internal affair. "There are values in human life that are higher than national politics," he noted.

Meridor said it was incumbent on Israel and Diaspora Jewry not to let the world forget Waldheim's wartime record.

Peterson hints at crackdown

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Ontario Premier David Peterson hinted at a luncheon at the CJC plenary that his government may soon crack down on computer dissemination of hate literature.

"Hate literature must not be tolerated. Hate peddling is no more tolerable on a computer screen than on a broadsheet," Peterson said to applause from 800 delegates at a luncheon co-sponsored by CJC and the Ontario government.

Hate messages from neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups in the United States have been on line and flowing to Canada for over a year.

Known as the "Liberty Bell," the network spreads hate messages across North America via home computer screens. All that's needed is a modem (telephone hookup) and an access code.

The importation of computer-generated hate messages has stumped law enforcement officials because laws governing hate literature have simply not caught up with space-age technology.

Strictly speaking, the messages are illegal but how to go after their mainly American authors and how to cut the line from Canadian home computer users have frustrated authorities.

Speaking to reporters later, Peterson would not elaborate on what his government may do.

In a wide-ranging speech that recounted his administration's goals and accomplishments, the premier said governments in general "must act like a *mensch*."

Quoting the late author Bernard Malamud, Peterson said "the purpose of freedom is to create it for others," adding, "the Jewish community realizes perhaps more than others the fragility of that freedom."

After taking lighthearted jabs at former CJC president Milton Harris and former Ontario Region chairman Les Scheininger, Peterson predicted that at its current rate of use, Ontario's health care system will need its budget doubled by the year 2000.

Child care and social assistance will also be more in demand as single-parent families increase.

Last year, he said, some 99,000 new business were created in Ontario, generating hundreds of thousands of jobs.

"Ontario seeks fairness in social justice," Peterson stated.

The premier joked that he believes in "regular changes in government... every 42 years," referring to the previous Conservative administration's time in office.

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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: As the Yom Ha'atzmaut approaches, I ask myself why masses of our religious folk and their spiritual leaders don't settle in Israel?

"Breathes there the man with a soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said This is my own, my native land. . . ."

Rabbi Burak

When you are born in a certain country, you identify with it. You love its soil, its trees, its flowers, and even its climate. You don't want to leave it. And you stay as long as it's possible to stay. Sometimes, you stay even after it has become impossible to stay.

Occasionally there are brave and courageous souls who risk everything and leave the land of their birth for Israel. Over the centuries, this proved a difficult journey. It was not only difficult, but dangerous. Many left for the Holy Land, but few arrived. Even today, when travel has become dangerous because of terrorists, there are lots of people who have decided to stay at home.

The result of our slowness to move from Europe was the Holocaust. In seeking safety our people courted danger. They stayed in lands where there were official anti-semitic parties. Apropos of the recent elections in Austria and the stories about Kurt Waldheim: Austria, at one time, had a real anti-semitic party, and in its parliament there was an Anti-semitic Club.

Prince Alois Liechtenstein, one of the leaders of the Conservative Clerical Party, became the leader of the Anti-semitic Club in the 1880's. Yet our brothers stayed in the lands of hatred. Sometimes they stayed because they lacked the means. Here is a word picture of the glories of Galicia: "Go through a small town in Galicia at night.

"You will see poor figures flitting about, you will see them huddled together in spite of rain and cold in the entrances of houses, and do you know why? The people are so poor, they live together so closely packed in their lodgings that they go to bed alternatingly, they sleep a few hours by turns. . . . They often have nothing to eat but one onion and a piece of black bread!"

Why didn't those people leave for Eretz Yisrael? The cost of a ticket for such a journey was beyond their wildest dreams. And the rabbis who served such communities probably didn't even have a piece of black bread and an onion per day. The Hatam Sofer advised an impoverished rabbi that he was not to go settle in Jerusalem unless he had pockets full of money; there were enough poor people there without him.

Still, from time to time, a hardy soul would pick up and leave for Israel. But his wife, the more practical member of the family, refused to accompany him. When this happened, the case would go to the great rabbis for solution. Could the wife be forced to go with her husband? No! That was the opinion of the Gaon Rabbi Shelomo Kluger z.l. of Brody, Galicia.

He based his opinion on the fact that Rabbi Yisrael z.l. of Rizhin, and his remarkable sons had all stayed in Europe. Kluger argued that if it were a mitzvah to settle in the Holy Land they would have gone there.

But, a publication devoted to the preservation of the history and the documents of the Rizhiner Dynasty, recently published a responsum by the Rizhiner to the effect that the lady must accompany her husband as it's a mitzvah to dwell in the Holy Land.

The responsum was written in 1836, and is found in the journal Tifereth Yisrael, 5746, No. 11, page 33. The Rizhiner had been held as a political prisoner in Russia. He knew from personal experience how much we need the Jewish homeland.

Uruguayan affirms ties

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The president of Israel and Uruguay issued a joint statement here recently affirming the warm friendship between their countries, their support for the Middle East peace process and support of the Contadora process to end conflicts in Central America.

The statement was released as President Julio Maria Sanguinetti of Uruguay ended his 5-day visit here, hosted by President Chaim Herzog. It referred to the problems of Third World and developing nations and agreed that both Israel and Uruguay should assist those countries, each in its own way.

The two presidents noted the expanding cooperation between their countries and stressed the need to strengthen their economic ties.

One of Labor Party's founding fathers

UK's popular Lord Shinwell dies

LONDON (JTA) — Lord Shinwell, the poor Jewish boy from London's east end who rose to become one of Britain's most controversial and best loved politicians, died last week at his London home at the age of 101 and 7 months.

His 68-year-old son Ernest said he was lucid and talkative to the end and that half-an-hour before his death had requested a glass of whisky. After throwing up his hands and saying, "I have had enough," he asked to be put in a more comfortable position and died with a peaceful smile on his face.

One of the founding fathers of the British Labor Party, Emanuel Shinwell first earned his reputation for uncompromising militancy in the shipbuilding unions of Glasgow's River Clyde.

For most of his career he had sworn to aboljsh the House of Lords, the upper house of the British Parliament. But when he retired from the House of Commons 16 years ago, he "moved upstairs" to the Lords where he continued until only a few weeks ago to make a characteristically colorful contribution to British politics.

Shinwell was born in the Spitalfields district of London's East End on October 18, 1884, exactly a week before the 100th birthday of Sir Moses Montefiore, the celebrated Anglo-Jewish philanthropist, who also died at the age of 101.

Unlike the wealthy Montefiore, however, Shinwell, the oldest of 13 children, came from a very poor immigrant family. His father was a tailor from Poland and his mother a London woman of Dutch Jewish descent.

When he was 9 years old, the family moved to Glasgow, where he acquired his broad Scottish accent, and a reputation as a bare-knuckle boxer. He threw himself into the workers' struggle at an early age and was jailed for inciting riots. In 1922, he was elected to the House of Commons on the Labor ticket and 16 years later crossed the floor to punch a Conservative member who had told him to "go back to Poland."

In 1933, the year the Nazis seized power in Germany, Shinwell made a speech at the British Labor Party conference in which he proudly avowed his membership in the Jewish race and said he had never sought to conceal it.

Even so, he had little time for religious observance and it was not until he was in his 80s that he began appearing on Jewish public platforms as a defender of Israel.

A week after the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War in October 1973, he addressed 18,000 British Jews in London's Trafalgar Square. Identifying himself solidly with Israel, he said it was entitled to hang on to all the land captured in 1967 and accused Britain of hypocrisy for demanding territorial concessions by Israel.

Although a Socialist, his support for Israel remained unabated when Israel's Labor Party was defeated by Menachem Begin. "Thank God for Begin," Shinwell exclaimed on hearing of the Israel Air Force's destruction of the Iraqi nuclear reactor.

As a member of the first Labor government after World War II he was formally a party to the anti-Zionist policies of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, even though, as minister of fuel and power, he had little to do with foreign policy.

Privately, though, he bitterly disagreed with Bevin, with whom he had been on bad personal terms since his days as a Clyde-side rebel. Shinwell had once threatened to strike Bevin who taunted him as an "oriental."

Shinwell was all the more pleased, therefore, at seeing Bevin's policies smashed by Jewish resistance. While Bevin was still wrestling to maintain the British position in Palestine, Shinwell voted in Parliament in favor of partition and backed the United Nations resolution of November 1947, over which Britain's UN delegation abstained.

His own ministerial involvement in Palestine began at the end of 1947 when, on becoming minister of war, he was in charge of the withdrawal of the British Army. He ordered the army to pull out with the minimum risk to itself and without favoring Jews or Arabs.

NBC criticized for interview with terrorist

WASHINGTON (JTA) — NBC News has been sharply criticized by the state department for broadcasting an interview with Palestinian terrorist Mohammed Abu Abbas, who masterminded the Achille Lauro cruise ship hijacking.

State department spokesman Charles Redman, contending that terrorism thrives on publicity, said: "This is the type of interview that gives terrorists the platform that they seek. Such publicity may, in fact, encourage the terrorist activities which we are all seeking to deter."

Abbas, who is sought by Israel, the U.S. and Italy for his part in the hijacking, was interviewed by NBC correspondent Henry Champ, at a secret location in an unnamed Arab country. In the course of the interview Abbas said that terrorist attacks will take place in the future inside the United States to avenge the American raid on Libya last month.

The head of the state department's counter-terrorism section, Robert Oakley, also criticized NBC for airing the interview.

He labeled NBC "accomplices" for meeting Abbas at a secret location. He told Cable News Network that the whole interview was "reprehensible." He added: "When a media outlet makes deals with a terrorist not to divulge his whereabouts the news organization is saying in effect "we have become his accomplices in order to give him publicity."

NBC vice-president Timothy Russert rejected the criticism.

He said: "If we are only going to cover people who say things that we as a country hope they are going to say, then we don't have a free press."

Nuclear power issue spurs debate in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A debate is shaping up in the government over the issue of nuclear power plants in Israel.

Officials insist the decision should be made on the basis of future energy needs and economic factors rather than the concerns raised by the nuclear accident in Chernobyl, Ukraine.

The cabinet is divided. Gad Yaacobi, minister for economic planning, and Gideon Patt, minister of science and technology, advise against the purchase of nuclear reactors.

But Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said it must not be ruled not under pressure of the disaster in the Soviet Union.

Yaacobi notes that oil prices are expected to stabilize at a low level and stay there for some time. "To say the least, it is much less urgent to take decisions concerning this matter (nuclear reactors) now than it was two years ago," he said.

Patt points out that a reactor would have to be located somewhere in the northern Negev for safety reasons. But such a site would add 50% to the nominal price of a reactor because of the high cost of providing water as a coolant. On top of this, he says, there is the cost of defence and security measures owing to the proximity of the reactor to the Egyptian border.

Shahal insisted that Israel should continue to gather information and weigh the situation "without unnecessary public statements." He said the problems of security and the price of oil were considerations.

Yuval Neeman, the leader of the Tehiya Party, and a nuclear scientist, said in a radio interview that the use of nuclear power to generate electricity is not urgent at the moment because of the low price of oil and coal. Neeman, a former minister of science and technology, suggested that any nuclear reactor in Israel should be located underground for security reasons.

He also thought Israel should concentrate on building its own reactor rather than purchase one abroad. Israel is said to have been negotiating for the purchase of a nuclear power plant from France. But the deal was stalled by problems of financing and credit.

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Goldbloom receives assurances

Catholics calm fears about controversial convent

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A controversial convent near the site of the Auschwitz death camp will not be enlarged and its population will not engage in any activity that would be offensive to Jews, the Archbishop of Cracow, Franciscus Cardinal Macharski, has assured Victor Goldbloom, head of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

The number of nuns at the Carmelite convent is currently 10 and it "will not exceed 22," Macharski writes in a letter to Goldbloom, who is also president of the International Council of Christians and Jews.

"No fear, the Carmel will never overshadow the historic and emotional significance of the camp. It is not the camp that exists in the shadow of the Carmel but rather the Carmel that lives in the shadow of the camp," Macharski writes.

The convent has been at the centre of controversy since late last year, when Belgian Jews discovered fund raisers were soliciting for a Carmelite convent adjacent to the site of Auschwitz, where approximately 4 million Jews were murdered.

European Jews argued a Catholic convent near the camp is inappropriate and would detract from the Jewish significance of the site.

On a trip to Warsaw in December, World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman asked the Polish government to intervene with Catholic officials.

There were additional fears the convent would be enlarged and its population increased.

"As the bishop of the diocese where the concentration camp is situated, I can assure you sir, that (the convent's) present state will not undergo modification in the future. The Carmelite convent will not exceed the number of persons specified above and will not be enlarged. No sacred Christian centre will be founded within the camp," Macharski writes, adding the nuns "will not perform any external pastoral work or any propagandist activity."

Both the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews are now satisfied the convent will not detract from the site's solemnity and is not offensive to Jews.

Macharski's letter "certainly brings the project into a more favorable light," Goldbloom told The CJN. "A project of much greater dimensions was being planned. It seems the cardinal used his authority to scale it back down."

Goldbloom first raised the issue last March in a letter to Macharski.

The international council, he wrote, "is extremely apprehensive" about plans to enlarge the convent and add to its population.

"Our concern is intensified by reports which indicate that material already produced in relation to this undertaking refers only to victims without identifying the considerable majority of those victims as having been Jews. If such is indeed the case, it is totally unacceptable," Goldbloom's letter stated, adding, "We find the entire project difficult to accept." Goldbloom asked the archbishop to personally intervene in the matter.

According to reports, the nuns, members of the ascetic Carmelite order, live in strict seclusion and are devoted chiefly to prayer for the forgiveness of man's crimes, "especially for crimes committed against the Jewish nation," Macharski adds.

"The number limitations of the Sisters in the Carmel at Auschwitz serves well the (imperceptibility) of the Christian presence in the largest place of extermination of the Jewish nation, and marks only symbolically such presence at the place which is also one of the largest torture grounds of the Polish nation and...of martyrology of other nations," Macharski writes.

Plans to enlarge the convent may have been scrapped because of the positive message to Jews delivered by Pope John Paul during his recent visit to a Rome synagogue, Goldbloom speculated.

Goldbloom said initially, it was thought the convent was on the site of Auschwitz. On re-examination, it was learned the convent is actually across the road from the camp.

"(The convent) is modest and inconspicuous," Goldbloom noted.

As for any materials produced that allegedly exclude the mention of Jews, Goldbloom said Cardinal Macharski "gives the appropriate recognition with regard to the Jewish identity" of the victims.

Ruth Resnick of CJC said the convent "is not a problem" because it is located outside Auschwitz's main gates. She said another Carmelite convent exists near the Dachau camp and there have been no problems with it.

Israeli envoy urges calming of rhetoric on Waldheim

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel's ambassador to Austria, Michael Elizur, has called for a calming of rhetoric in Israel over Kurt Waldheim and a "comprehensive investigation" into his alleged Nazi past before "jumping to conclusions" about the Austrian presidential candidate.

Elizur reportedly sent a cable to the foreign ministry expresing reservations over Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's attacks on Waldheim. Shamir said recently that Waldheim's election would be a "tragedy," a remark sharply criticized in Austria as intervention in the country's internal affairs.

According to the Army radio, Elizur warned the foreign ministry that unrestrained attacks on Waldheim could only harm relations with Austria and increase the popularity of the former UN secretary-general, who is alleged to have participated in Nazi atrocities in the Balkans during World War II.

Waldheim, candidate of the conservative People's Party, won 49.66% of the vote in recent elections in Austria. He faces his Socialist rival, Kurt Steyrer, in a runoff election June 8.

Elizur's position is closer to that of Premier Shimon Peres than Shamir's. Peres said at cabinet meeting that the Waldheim matter should be studied carefully "so that we do not fall into inaccuracies." The cabinet refrained from discussing it.

The Army radio reported that if Waldheim is elected, the foreign ministry would delay the dispatch of a new ambassador to Vienna to replace Elizur, whose term expires this summer. That would be done to avoid having the new envoy present his credentials to Waldheim, assuming he is elected.

According to the Army radio, Elizur took strong exception to proposals to extend his term and suggested instead that his tour in Vienna be terminated before there is a change of presidents in Austria.

Meanwhile, Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem has invited the Austrian painter, Ernst De Gaspari, to visit the city. This was a direct slap at Mayor Uri Amit of Ramat Gan, who postponed an exhbition of De Gasperi's work there because of protests over the heavy vote for Waldheim.

Kollek said public outcries should not interfere with what is good for the country and that, in any event, he considered De Gaspari a friend of Israel and a representative of that half of the Austrian electorate which voted against Waldheim.

"We found good people among the Germans and if there are tzadikim in Austria, De Gaspari is one," Kollek said.

Cemetery vandalized

BONN (JTA) —

Vandals recently overturned 60 gravestones in the Jewish cemetery in Karlsruhe and painted anti-semitic slogans and swastikas on the cemetery wall.

The damage is estimated at over 50,000 marks.

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World-National

Praises solidarity with Soviet Jewry

Scharansky addresses huge rally in New York

By
KEVIN FREEMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Natan (Anatoly) Scharansky made an emotionally charged appearance before tens of thousands of demonstrators here Sunday, saying that their solidarity with the cause of Soviet Jewry was responsible for his release.

"All the resources of a superpower was not enough to isolate a Jew who hears the voice of solidarity with his people," Scharansky told the huge mass of people gathered at the 15th annual Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry rally in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza across from the United Nations. "All this has become possible because of you."

In a brief, 12-minute address, the former Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience said, "The solidarity of the people behind bars in the Soviet Union can be expressed only in spirit. But you, the people in the free world can do much more."

The 38-year-old mathematician who now lives in Israel, added that the Soviet leadership "who delude themselves into thinking they can keep as prisoners 400,000 of our brothers, must understand that they will never be able to destroy our solidarity."

Scharansky also thanked President Reagan for helping to secure his release last February as part of an exchange of East-West prisoners. In addition, he said he believed progress on the Soviet Jewry emigration issue can be achieved through better U.S.-Soviet relations.

He said the "atmosphere of trust" needed between the two superpowers to facilitate increased emigration can be achieved by the Soviet Union's adherance to its human rights commitment, such as the Helsinki Accord. "The Helsinki Accord is a very good example of an agreement which was signed but was never fulfilled in the Soviet Union" he said.

The appearance of Scharansky at the rally, sponsored by the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews, is part of the former POC's 12-day visit to the United States, his first since his release from the Soviet Union last February as part of an East-West exchange of prisoners. He was imprisoned by the Soviets for nearly a decade on charges of treason.

The rally, under brilliant spring afternoon skies, took on almost a festive atmosphere, apparently boosted by the realization that the leading symbol of the Soviet Jewish emigration movement had finally been freed and reunited with his wife Avital in Israel. She did not attend the rally on her doctor's advice. She is in her second month of pregnancy.

The Solidarity Sunday demonstration began with the traditional march along Fifth Ave., where thousands and thousands of people, wheeling baby carriages and others carrying placards, urging freedom for Soviet Jews. Many chanted, "1, 2, 3, 4 open up the iron door; 5, 6, 7, 8 let our people emigrate." John Cardinal O'Connor greeted the marchers as they passed St. Patrick's Cathedral.

While the Soviets have released several well known Refuseniks and dissidents in the past months, Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union is under 100 per month. Last month only 72 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union. Some 400,000 have begun the emigration process and about 20,000 have been formally and repeatedly refused visas, earning the designation, "Refuseniks."

The Reagan administration's continued commitment to the easing of the plight of Soviet Jews was outlined at the rally by Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead. Speaking on behalf of President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz, Whitehead said: "We honor him (Scharansky) as the incarnation of man's determination to be free."

Calling Scharansky a "symbol . . . a hero of our time," Whitehead added that "he is the first **to remind us that others yearn to be free." He noted that Scharansky was to meet Reagan and Shultz in Washington. He was also scheduled to meet with Congressional members, and received the Congressional Gold Medal, according to Senator Daniel Moynihan.**

Favors aid to Contras

Boschwitz receives award

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Minnesota Republican Senator Rudy Boschwitz, who backs President Reagan's call for U.S. financial aid to the Contras opposing Nicaragua's Sandinista regime, has received the Henry M. Jackson distinguished service award from the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs.

The presentation was made at its 10th aniversary celebration of JINSA, the only Jewish organization whose primary function is to analyze U.S. defence and security policy and to promote strategic cooperation between the U.S. and Israel. The organization's board of advisers include Boschwitz, Rep. Jack Kemp, Jeane Kirkpatrick, Prof. Walter Laquer, Prof. Eugene Rostow, Ivan Novick, Nathan Perlmutter, Dr. John Silber, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt (Ret.) and Jacques Torczyner.

In a statement entitled Why Jews Should Support the Contras, Boschwitz said he agreed with the response made by Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, to President Ronald Reagan who has asked the conference to support the assistance.

Bialkin told the President at the White House "I believe that the overwhelming sympathy and support of the American Jewish community rides with freedom, rides with the defence of those who wish to fight for their freedom and would support you in your interested and objective and principled effort in that area."

Boschwitz said the Anti-Defamation League, which Bialkin heads, "has been outspoken in its opposition to Sandinista policy, which was, and is, in a word, anti-semitic." He referred to the firebombing of the synagogue in Managua in 1978 by "armed Sandinistas while the congregation was worshiping inside," the statement in the government-approved press in July 1982 that "the world's money, banking and finance are in the hands of descendants of Jews, the eternal protectors of Zionism" and that "consequently, controling economic power, they control political power as now happens in the United States."

Nicaragua broke diplomatic relations with Israel in the same year, "using the Israeli move into Lebanon as a pretext," Boschwitz said. At that time, he noted, Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Diescoto denounced Israel's action, saying "never since the time of Hitler has such mass genocide been witnessed . . ."

Boschwitz added, "Now the Sandinistas have allied themselves with the PLO and Libya and actively support efforts to expel Israel from the United Nations."

Reagan to veto Saudi arms ban

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Reagan plans to veto a Congressional resolution rejecting his proposed sale of $354 million in missiles to Saudi Arabia.

"It is the President's intention to veto this resolution and to work actively with members of both houses of Congress to sustain that veto," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said last week.

His statement came after the House voted 356-62 to reject the sale. The Senate had rejected the sale by a 73-22 vote. This is the first time Congress has disapproved an arms sale.

The White House statement, which was repeated by the state department, said that "the Congress has endangered our long-standing security ties with Saudi Arabia, calling into question the validity of U.S. commitments to its friends and undermining U.S. interests and policies throughout the Middle East, in particular, our ability to act as a balanced arbitrator in the search for a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israel conflict."

It will take a two-thirds vote of both Houses to override the President's veto. Both Sen. Alan Cranston (D.Cal) and Rep. Mel Levine (D.Cal), who led the move to reject the sale in their respective bodies, believe it can be done since the Senate vote was six more and the House 67 more than the needed two-thirds majority.

However, the administration is expected to concentrate on the Republican-controlled Senate, where it is felt that some of the Republicans who voted to reject the sale would not vote against a Reagan veto.

At the same time, observers note the overwhelming vote in both Houses which go beyond the traditional support for Israel in Congress. Both the government of Israel and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), while opposed to the sale, did not lobby against it.

The large vote was seen as a reaction to Saudi Arabia's condemnation of the U.S. strike against Libya and to the Saudi's financial support of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Syria.

The fight over the missiles is only a prelude to the battle that may break out in June when the administration is expected to present the necessary certification to Congress to allow it to begin delivering the AWACS sold to Saudi Arabia in 1981.

One of the criteria that the administration must certify is that the Saudis have made a "substantial contribution to the peace and stability" of the Mideast.

Throughout the debate over the missile sale, Congressional opponents have argued that the Saudis have done nothing to support the peace process and have instead hindered it.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

The airlift of Iraqi Jews to Israel began on May 19, 1950. One of history's most illustrious and long-lived communities was ending in an orgy of state terror.

The Jewish sojourn in Iraq began 2,500 years earlier. Thousands were taken as captives there, when King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the first Temple. Ezekel arose there, the only acknowledged prophet, except for Moses, outside the Holy Land. The community quickly flourished. It provided thousands of olim under Nechemiah and Ezra for the reconstruction of Jerusalem and its Temple, and sent funds continuously. Towns like Nehardea, Nisibis and Mahoza had entirely Jewish populations.

Bloody revolt

In the first century BCE, the brothers Anilai and Asinai ran an independent Jewish state around Nehardea. During the Roman occupation, Babylonian Jews attempted a hard, bloody revolt. With Persian and Parthian rule, Babylon's Jews enjoyed communal autonomy under an exilarch — descendant of King David — and a council of elders.

Babylon was indispensable to Judaism. Hillel and other Babylonian scholars came to take leading positions in Jerusalem's codification of the Oral Law. In the third century, the founding of academies in Nehardea, Sura and Pumbedita marked Babylon's scholastic supremacy in the Jewish world. This was respected by the Arab conquerors of 637. It took nearly 500 years to dissipate, through increasing taxation, internal squabbling, breakaway sects, and the transfer of Jewish historical dynamics — an aspect of the Shechinah perhaps — to the West.

The community is commemorated in the code that bears its name. More than any other single institution, the Babylonian Talmud defined and preserved Judaism throughout centuries of persecutions. It continues to provide for Judaism's uninterrupted development.

The community was wrenched into the present when Britain succeeded the Ottoman empire as the country's ruler, after World War I. The British mandate provided for proportional representation in Iraq's legislature for its minorities. Its 130,000 Jews were alloted one out of a total of 20 Iraqi senators, and four seats in the Assembly. King Faisal proclaimed "freedom of religion, education, and employment for the Jews of Baghdad, who had played such an important role in its welfare and progress."

Jews murdered

In 1933, after Faisal's death, Iraq fell under Hitler's sway. Envoy Fritz Grobba, entertaining lavishly, dominated Iraqi society. Sons of the leading families were sent to Berlin for their education, to return convinced of Germany's supremacy. Hitler spent 10 million dinars (the equivalent of pounds sterling) a year in cultivating all levels of Iraqi society.

In 1933, 20 Jews were murdered in Mosul. Germany's 1935 Nuremburg laws were swiftly echoed in Iraq as Jews were dismissed from government and military service. Major cities were swamped with anti-semitic and anti-British propaganda. Typical were placards reading, "Long live Hitler, killer of the Jewish microbes." In 1936, 10 Jews were killed in Arab riots in Baghdad and Basra. The British in the country had enough to handle in protecting their own interests.

An attempt to form a pro-Nazi government in June 1941 set off a wave of pogroms in which some 200 Baghdad Jews were killed and over 1,000 injured.

After 1945, the Jews were set upon as scapegoats for Iraq's economic woes and corruption. A strike in May 1948 of 8,000 workers in the Haditha oil fields was termed a "Zionist-Communist" plot. Several Jews were killed that year, including leading businessman Shafiq Ades, whose assets were seized.

In February 1950, its plundering of the community completed, the government allowed Jews to renounce their citizenship and leave. The Joint Distribution Committee and the Israel government arranged emergency airlifts to Israel. Some went on to the West. About 6,000 remained, in Baghdad.

Rights group issues 13 demands

MONTREAL — The Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, co-chaired by lawyers Irwin Cotler of Montreal and Davis Matas of Winnipeg, has submitted a 13 point list of demands to the Helsinki Accords review conference taking place in Berne, Switzerland.

The 6-week conference, scheduled to continue until May 26, is examining those provisions of the Helsinki Final Act on human contacts. The Act was signed by 35 countries, including the Soviet Union, in 1975.

The group says all signatory countries should allow their citizens professing a religion to travel outside the country to attend conferences or ceremonies of their co-religionists.

Persons from abroad should be allowed to mail or hand-deliver religious literature and articles without interference by customs agents or local authorities. Opportunities should also be increased for religious believers to study in seminaries abroad.

Another novel demand is to permit travel abroad to get medical care, at the applicant's discretion, upon invitation from either individual foreigners or foreign medical institutions. This should be permitted regardless of the type of medical care that may be available in the applicant's own country. Foreign physicians should also be allowed to visit their patients in their home countries without interference.

The list also includes demands for easing of travel abroad for business or personal reasons, as well as a resolution of cases of divided families through a speedier processing of emigration applications.

The group also called for a halt to security agents following tourists or the use of electronic surveillance to monitor their movements. Direct-dialing telephone calls should be permitted from persons abroad and registered mail receipts should be signed only by the addressee are ways suggested to cease mail and telephone interference by authorities.

The group is demanding the release of the 49 men and women who were members of the Helsinki monitoring groups in the Soviet. All have been confined to prison, labor camp, exile or psychiatric institutions, says the group, and some are in poor health and have suffered mistreatment.

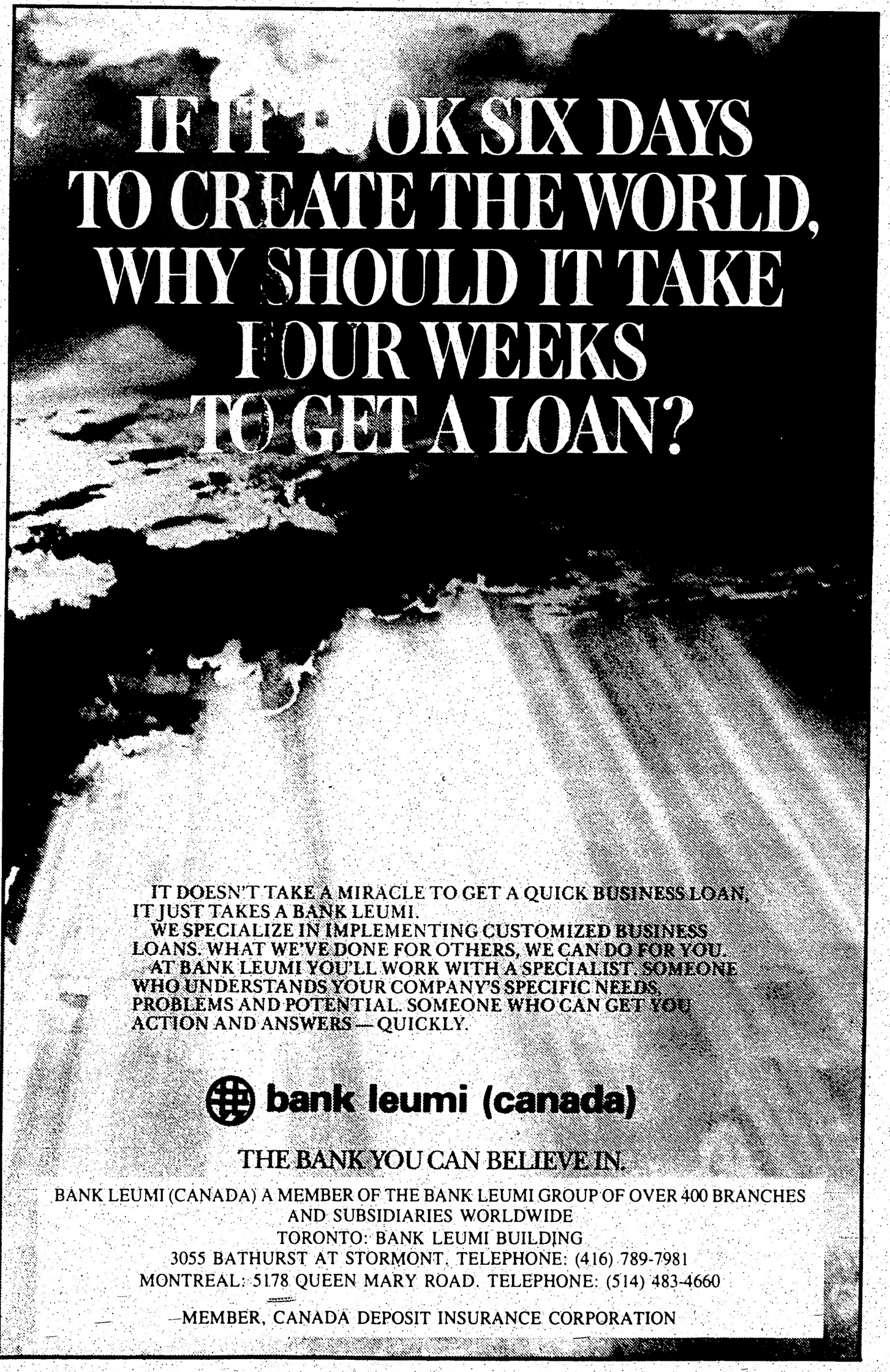
The Canadian Helsinki Watch Group is composed of academics, lawyers and parliamentarians and is affiliated with the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights.

Cotler, a McGill University law professor, has published a book commemorating the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Helsinki monitoring groups in the Soviet Union. Entitled Helsinki Monitors in the Soviet Union: Where Are They Now? it will it show that all are, or have been, imprisoned or exiled. The only one enjoying freedom today is Anatoly Scharansky, a co-founder of the Moscow group, who was released from prison this winter and lives in Israel.

AIDS tests planned for blood donations

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **The Magen David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross, will test every unit of blood donated in Israel for the AIDS (Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) anti-bodies to determine if the donor has the AIDS virus, the MDA announced.**

According to the MDA, the new testing program brings Israel in line with most other Western countries in the struggle against the fatal disease. It will be undertaken by the MDA's Blood Services, which collects more than 80% of the blood donated in Israel. This amounts to some 100,000 pints per year, which are supplied to all hospitals and to the Israel Defence Force.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Editorial

Something to hide?

We note with disappointment that the federal solicitor-general is not being at all accommodating towards individuals and groups seeking data under Canada's Freedom of Information statute.

This behavior has been particularly galling in the case of a Toronto newspaper which has been trying, for two years now, to obtain information on suspected Nazi war criminals in this country.

Although the Deschenes Commission has listed more than 800 of the latter, custodians of Canada's archives bearing upon the presence in this country of suspected Nazis, are refusing access to the dossiers.

The situation has become all the more unfortunate because of a ruling handed down by Justice James Jerome of the Federal Court. He said "the court has no jurisdiction to review the exercise of a minister's discretion to withhold information."

It is on the basis of this ruling that officials of the agency dealing with access to government's files have explained the solicitor-general's refusal to discuss files relevant to the inquiry at hand.

It is no wonder that the Canadian Bar Association is calling for the Freedom of Information Act to be amended so as to reassert full and independent judicial review.

A Toronto attorney, Heather Mitchell, a specialist on access to information, says that the effect of the recent judgment is "to virtually close off access to files the government wishes kept secret. It destroys the concept of judicial review . . . It means the minister, the guy who most cares about confidentiality and who has the highest conflict of interest, is now making the decision."

While the recent ruling was not made specifically in regard to ministerial files dealing with alleged Nazis in Canada, it is deeply troubling to consider that the effect of the judgment obstructs the legitimate identification and pursuit of Nazis in Canada.

The ruling tends to reinforce the view that this country has something to hide with regard to its post-1945 policies towards Nazis.

The giant strides

Almost 40 years have elapsed since that epoch-making day in May of 1948 when David Ben-Gurion, the head of the provisional government, declared the independence of the first Jewish state in two millenia.

In the intervening years the tiny state has gained more than its share of world headlines. The life of its citizens has been punctuated far too often by the rhythms of war, economic distress and national rancor.

Obscured by the notoriety of these events, however, are giant strides which the state has made in diverse sectors. Ironically, much of the progress in science, medicine and technology, has been precipitated by the pressures exerted on Israel by unfriendly neighbors.

Whatever the origins, Israel's creativity in agriculture, electronics and medical research is something from which all Israelis (and Jews) can derive pride.

While Israel's record in these areas is well known by now there are other adventures in the domain of the intellect which have not received sufficient attention.

Israel's researchers in Middle East studies, both within the various university constituencies and in independently funded think tanks, have made the country a world centre for the study of Arab governments and societies.

Israeli universities are also pioneering in the humanities and social sciences.

The major achievement of Israel, beyond its accomplishments in science, technology and the arts, is the nation's commitment to the rule of democracy and law. For 38 years Israel, despite traumas of incredible dimension, has been wedded to the principles of justice and equity.

It has been said that Israel is not the country of Rabbi Kahane but rather the country of Justice Kahane, the distinguished jurist who presided over the inquiry into the massacre at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

As we commemorate Israel's growing maturity, we celebrate the state's embrace of justice as a guiding determinant in the national life of its people.

Nicaragua and the Jews

Reagan accused of distortion

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Nicaragua, a hot subject in Washington these days, is having an impact on the U.S. Jewish community.

The Reagan administration regards the Sandinista regime in Managua as totalitarian, troublesome and anti-American. It contends that the Sandinistas are pro-Moscow Marxist revolutionaries intent on destabilizing Latin America.

There is a lot of self-serving rhetoric and posturing in Washington's position. Many of its allies simply do not agree with its alarmist analysis of the Sandinistas. However, few observers would disagree with the notion that the Sandinistas have cultivated good relations with Latin American radical movements and the Arab world.

Nicaragua, having severed diplomatic relations with Israel at the height of the 1982 war in Lebanon and having permitted the PLO to take over Israel's embassy in Managua, is believed to have extended various kinds of assistance to rebels in Central America fighting to overthrow governments they despise.

President Reagan, a staunch anti-Communist, clearly wants to put an end to Sandinista rule in Nicaragua. With this goal in mind, Reagan has asked Congress for a $100 million aid package to anti-Sandinista fighters, known as the contras. Recently, during a televised pitch on behalf of the contras, Reagan injected a new element into the Nicaragua debate: Nicaraguan Jewry.

In what is generally regarded as a blatant attempt to gain backing for his controversial proposal in the Jewish community, the President claimed that Managua's only synagogue had been "desecrated and firebombed" and that the "entire Jewish community" had been "forced to flee Nicaragua."

Reagan's allegations have been supported by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and several Nicaraguan Jewish emigres living in the U.S.

Two months ago, B'nai B'rith, in a 4-page paper, said that Reagan was correct when he accused the Sandinistas of persecuting Jews. B'nai B'rith said that, in addition to the firebombing of Managua's synagogue, the Sandinistas had issued death threats against Jews, burned cars belonging to Jews and confiscated the property of prominent Jews.

According to B'nai B'rith, the persecution grew out of the government's hostility to Israel (which backed the former government) and its close relationship with the PLO. B'nai B'rith said it had published its report "to set the record straight, to answer published denials about the Sandinistas' treatment of Jews."

B'nai B'rith's charges are substantiated by Elena Gorn of Hollywood, Florida, who claims that Jews left Nicaragua because of harassment by the Sandinistas.

Gorn, 32, says her father-in-law, Abraham, the recognized leader of Nicaraguan Jewry, was arrested soon after the 1979 revolution on trumped-up charges of tax evasion. She says he was ordered to sweep the streets while his jailers taunted him with anti-semitic jokes. A month later, having been released with apologies, police officers again raided Gorn's home and confiscated his businesses and all his possessions. Today, he resides in Costa Rica.

Miguel D'Escoto... not anti-semitic

Oscar Kellerman, a U.S. citizen who lived in Nicaragua until 1979, said at a recent press conference in Washington sponsored by the National Jewish Coalition that he was in the synagogue when it was firebombed. He said that when he and seven others tried to escape, they were met by masked men who warned them to go back in or be shot. The people in the synagogue, Kellerman reported, were able to put out the fire.

The views propounded by Reagan, B'nai B'rith and Nicaraguan Jewish exiles are fiercely disputed.

Last year, the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, an American group opposed to Reagan's Nicaraguan policy, issued a report which claimed there was no evidence of Sandinista persecution of Jews. It said that an incendiary bomb had been thrown onto the lawn of Managua's synagogue in 1978, *before* the Sandinista takeover, and that the attackers had never been identified.

Rabbi Balfour Brickner of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City visited Nicaragua two years ago. In an interview with The New York Times, he said he was not "impressed" with B'nai B'rith's report. "All it actually does is to confirm their own previously held position, which happens to be in line with the view of the President."

Brickner, who has emerged as one of the most vocal participants in the ongoing Nicaragua debate, says the synagogue was abandoned during fighting in 1978 between Sandinista rebels and forces loyal to the incumbent ruler, Anastasio Somoza.

The synagogue building is presently occupied by the Sandinista Children's Association, and Brickner says the government "would be happy to give it back, but there is no one to give it to." Before the 1972 earthquake in Managua and the 1978-1979 civil war, which resulted in the ouster of the pro-American and pro-Israel Somoza clan, Nicaragua was home to no more than 200 Jews, many of whom were of Eastern European and German stock. Fewer than a dozen remain, not including half-Jews like Herty Lewites, the minister of tourism.

According to Brickner, the majority of Nicaraguan Jews were closely linked to the Somoza regime and, as capitalists, left largely of their own accord.

Brickner says the property of several well-known Nicaraguan Jews, including that of Abraham Gorn, was seized because they were identified as Somoza loyalists.

Brickner's view of the situation is upheld by two noted American rabbis — Marshall Meyer and Alexander Schindler.

Meyer, a human rights activist in Argentina during the years of repressive military rule, visited Nicaragua in 1984 and found "no indication of anti-semitism whatsoever." Presently affiliated with a synagogue in New York, Meyer told the Washington Jewish Week that Daniel Ortega, the Nicaraguan leader, "offered me the keys to the synagogue in Managua."

Schindler, head of the American Union of Hebrew Congregations, told the same newspaper that, "while there are legitimate criticisms which can be leveled against the Sandinistas, the accusation of anti-semitism and of expulsion of the Jewish community have been repudiated by the media..."

Leading Nicaraguan officials have taken pains to dissociate themselves from anti-semitism. In a letter to Rabbi Brickner, Miguel D'Escoto, the foreign minister, wrote: "We are neither anti-semitic nor anti-Israel. We firmly believe that Israel has a right to exist, just as we believe that Palestinians deserve a homeland."

The controversy as to whether or not the Sandinsitas are anti-semitic has been overtaken by another issue — the effort by the Reagan administration to bolster the contras' cause by playing on anti-semitism.

From all appearances, the heavy-handed public relations campaign by the White House has backfired. As Rabbi Schindler put it: "It is woefully inappropriate for the President to resurrect these discredited canards... to generate emotional support for his policies."

Allegation "insulting"

Hyman Bookbinder, the outgoing Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee, supports the administration's request for Contra aid. "The Sandinistas have been hospitable to forces like the PLO. But I'm not impressed by allegations about special anti-semitism attributed to the Sandinistas. The administration has been unwise to try to exploit that in the Jewish community."

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, is critical of certain Sandinista policies. But, in a letter to The New York Times, he observed: "The apparent assumption of this administration that all that American Jews need to be told to secure their support of aid to the contras is that the Sandinistas are anti-semitic is insulting to the political maturity and integrity of American Jews."

The anger and indignation this tactic has engendered is probably best summed up by The Washington Jewish Week. The paper, in an editorial, commented: "The Reagan administration has baldly sought to manipulate American Jews and friends of Israel into support of its position by raising the red flag of anti-semitism and anti-Zionism in Nicaragua... in the most blatant power play of its tenure."

Aid to the contras, The Jewish Week said, should be "evaluated independently, and on its own terms. Jewish leaders should not fall into the trap of allowing support of Israel to be linked to the Reagan agenda in Central America."

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Opinion

"Impossible to be a Christian without being a Jew in spirit . . ."

Reality of Israel overwhelms first-time visitor

CJN staffer LEN BUTCHER recently visited Israel for the first time and says that "despite what I'd heard and read about it I was not fully prepared for what awaited me. To say that it met my expectations would be a gross understatement. Israel's history, beauty and accomplishments are overwhelming and its sights, sounds and people remain vivid in my mind.

Here, then, are some of the highlights in no particular order, of my visit to a country whose people obviously don't understand the meaning of the word "impossible."

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For all the flying I have done over the years, I am still not a good flier; but thanks to El Al, I was never more relaxed. Ignore the whines of people who balk at delays because of tight security.

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Arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport to be greeted by a youth orchestra on the tarmac playing Israeli songs and being handed a rose by a pretty girl. (This was El Al's inaugural flight from Toronto to Tel Aviv.)

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Toronto prides itself on being clean and safe. To be honest, Tel Aviv is not as clean. But this largest city in Israel is safer and oh, so much sassier.

Although I have never seen the fabled Girls of Ipanema, they would all have to be beauty queens to outdazzle the Israeli girls who flash their golden bodies along the beach at Tel Aviv.

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One surprise was seeing a well-proportioned young lady topless at the Carlton Hotel's rooftop pool.

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Enjoying the beautiful Mediterranean sunsets while walking along the promenade at the beach in Tel Aviv.

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For anyone taking cabs, either close your eyes or make sure you have a new battery in your pacemaker. This is not transportation for the weak of heart, even though I would readily sponsor any one of the drivers in the Indy 500.

As my cabbie, Kamikaze Katz told me, as we rocketed down Ben Yehuda St., "In Canada they teach defensive driving. In Israel, we teach offensive driving."

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Driving to Jerusalem through countryside so green it could have been northern Ontario and then arriving in this fabled city, the history of which is unequaled throughout mankind's history.

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Overcome by emotion — without really knowing why — and shedding tears while I prayed and placed a note in one of the cracks of the Western Wall.

And experiencing the same feeling a short time later as I stood at the altar in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Christ is said to have died on the cross.

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Standing high in the hills at Haifa with a majestic view of Haifa harbor, before making the trip to the Sea of Galilee and eating St. Peter's fish at Kibbutz Ha'on, the only place outside of South Africa to raise ostriches commercially.

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Going for a dip in the Dead Sea where I couldn't have drowned if I wanted to and then unsuccessfully trying to wash the salt off with only one shower. Then a short tour of Masada on my way to the resort city of Eilat in the south of Israel.

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Visiting Taba, at the Egyptian border, a narrow stretch of beach where hippies from all over the world make their home, pitching tents on the beach and cooking over small fires.

The beach extends into Egypt, but barbed wire and armed guards discourage you from entering.

On the road at Taba, there is an Israeli checkpoint for anyone going to or coming from Egypt. A number of smartly dressed Israeli soldiers man this station.

Several hundred yards down the road is the sole Egyptian border guard. He is slovenly and sits in a beat-up old car.

I was envious to see, however, when I pulled out of the beach, that he was entertaining a young, attractive girl in a topless bikini. She probably had a thing about uniforms.

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On the drive back to Tel Aviv, spotting a Bedouin tent some 200 yards off the road and deciding to go over and take a picture. A tranquil setting, with this large low tent spread across the desert floor and six camels waiting patiently outside.

This tranquility lasted only until I came within about 50 yards of the tent. Then all hell broke loose as some very fierce-looking gentlemen came rushing out after me, screaming and brandishing what looked to be wooden clubs.

I have run faster in my life, but I can't remember when. Fortunately they didn't pursue me to my car. I was told later that many of them do not like their picture taken.

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Eating the best falafel I have ever tasted in a tiny greasy spoon in the Yemenite Quarter of Tel Aviv. There was no front to the place and a sink stood in the corner about 3 feet from me where customers would wash their hands.

This was where I was introduced to shwarma, lamb roasted vertically on a spit, then the meat shaved off in slivers. Add a plate of humous and tehina, plus stuffed eggplant and I thought I was in heaven.

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And while I'm talking about food, going to the market, or shuk, and buying fruits and vegetables as good or better than can be bought anywhere.

Radishes the size of onions, strawberries as sweet as honey and to say the oranges are good is like saying Mount Everest is high. It is difficult to believe that all of it is grown on land that was once desert.

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Watching the Israel Experience in a theatre in the Old Jaffa Mall, which uses 51 projectors and special effects for a multi-media show that depicts Israeli life and history in capsule form. Upbeat, entertaining and well worth the $7.50.

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Having lunch at the residence of James Bartleman, Canada's ambassador to Israel, surrounded by two acres of beautiful gardens on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

Ontario cabinet minister Elinor Caplan was on hand, as was my lunch partner, former Toronto Liberal MP Jim Peterson, our premier's brother.

The one who stole the show, however, was Bartleman's lovely Belgian wife with her charm, delightful accent and genuine interest in hearing what everyone had to say. A lovely lady.

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Meeting with Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat, better known as "Cheech," who should be a model for all mayors to study.

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Sitting at a sidewalk cafe on Dizengoff St. on a Friday night watching thousands of people, unhampered by traffic, doing what Israelis do best — enjoying themselves.

And Tel Aviv is the place to do it. A vibrant city, it is constantly on the move. There is the feeling in the air of something always happening and Tel Avivians want to make sure they are part of it. If you have ever lived in Manhattan, you'll know what I mean.

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A tour guide whose eyes would fill with tears when pointing out the fields of green or the site of a Jewish victory in their battle for independence.

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Talking with young men and women both in and out of the army who are shocked at the suggestion that they might not want to serve their time. And parents, despite their fears for their children, understanding the reason for it.

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And finally, listening to Isaac Tunik, the 75-year-old state controller of Israel, talk to me about the spirit of Israel and its people.

A proud man with a steel-trap mind and sharp wit, he has lived in Israel for 50 years.

When I asked him if he ever had thought it possible to accomplish what Israel has done, he said: "Everything is possible in Israel. We are a country of dreamers, but we make our dreams come true."

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As I left Israel, I was reminded of the words of one of the characters in Leon Uris' book, Exodus.

"It is impossible to be a Christian without being a Jew in spirit. . . ."

A butcher sharpens his knife at one of the stalls in Tel Aviv's market. [Len Butcher photo]

Lewis claim of UN turnabout on terrorism "whitewashes" a morally bankrupt body

PROF. H. WEINBERG of the University of Toronto challenges the reported statement in the Toronto Globe and Mail (April 17) of Canadian ambassador to the United Nations Stephen Lewis that the recent Security Council discussion of the U.S. action in Libya could represent a turnabout in the fight against international terrorism, and that since September, 1985, there has been a turning point in the Soviet position on terror.

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To those familiar with the UN's position on terrorism, Lewis' ecstatic report verges on the incredible. Has it condemned Libyan state terrorism. Has the Soviet Union condemned it?

Curiously, none of the major media noticed this sudden revulsion for terrorism at the UN. The New York Times of April 16 said that the Soviet delegates, Yuri Dubinin, asked the council to "firmly condemn the act of armed aggression against Libya perpetrated by the U.S." On the same page of the Globe carrying Lewis' comments, was a report that Mikhail Gorbachev referred to the U.S. action as a "bandit crime," and stated that the U.S. "adheres to a policy of state terrorism."

A Reuter story in the Globe on the Security Council meeting reports that "delegates of non-aligned countries and countries linked to the Soviet Union continued to castigate the United States for the attack."

The turning point Lewis refers to appears to be a figment of his own imagination.

Ever since he was appointed to his UN post, Stephen Lewis has undertaken a 1-man campaign to rehabilitate this deeply flawed institution, arguing that its minor blemishes are far outweighed by its virtues.

On terrorism, the UN's record is particularly abysmal. It invited to address it Yasser Arafat, who invented such methods of "freedom fighting" as attacking civilian airliners and targeting kindergartens and school buses. It also provided support and a propaganda forum for the PLO and other violent groups Moscow has designated as "liberation movements."

In dealing with the Middle East the UN has passed countless, one-sided resolutions condemning Israel's pre-emptive action (never the terrorists which provoked them), has branded a genuine liberation movement, Zionism, as racism, and hurriedly withdrew its peacekeeping forces when it really mattered (in June, 1967).

It has been amply documented that the UN and its agencies have become the single most important centre in the world for the distribution of anti-semitic material under the guise of anti-Zionism. The UN has sanctioned a persistent campaign that encourages those bent on the destruction of Israel.

Stephen Lewis' rhetorical zeal and wishful thinking in promoting the virtues of the UN are no doubt motivated, in part at least, by his socialist passions. The fact, however, that the Mulroney government tolerates his campaign to whitewash a morally bankrupt organization, in disregard of the facts, prompts puzzlement and concern.

Opinion

But political and military factors restrain U.S.

Americans put Damascus on notice over terrorism

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

President Ronald Reagan, in the aftermath of the April 15 U.S. bombing raid on Libya, said in an interview he would be prepared to act militarily against Syria (and Iran) if "irrefutable evidence" emerged that Syria had been directly involved in a terrorist attack on Americans.

Secretary of State George Shultz subsequently played down the possibility, saying: "We don't have any plans for such operations."

But by raising the issue at the highest level, Reagan put Syria — the Soviet Union's chief client state in the Middle East — on notice.

It wasn't the first time this year the U.S. had alluded to Syrian involvement in terrorist activities. Four months ago, shortly after five Americans were killed in airport attacks in Rome and Vienna, Robert Oakley, the official who heads the state department's counter-terrorist office, implied that Syria was not entirely innocent.

Oakley said there was strong evidence that Syria was supporting the Abu Nidal terrorist group, which the U.S. held responsible for the carnage in Italy and Austria.

And, when he was asked by a reporter whether the U.S. might therefore impose punitive sanctions on Syria, he replied: "It could possibly come to that."

The Syrians didn't appreciate Oakley's veiled threat. Foreign Minister Farouk Shara accused the U.S. — and Israel — of using events like the Rome and Vienna massacres as a pretext to wage war against the Arab world.

Furthermore, Syria denied charges that it offers Abu Nidal — a Palestinian renegade who thinks PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat is too soft on Israel — a haven.

But the facts, as far as they are known, tell a different story.

Abu Nidal, who has claimed responsibility for a whole series of terrorist assaults on Israeli, Jewish and Jordanian targets in the past 12 years, lived and worked in Iraq and Syria until he moved to Libya in 1984 or 1985.

Nevertheless, representatives of Abu Nidal still maintain two modest apartment offices in Damascus which function as an information centre and a foreign affairs bureau.

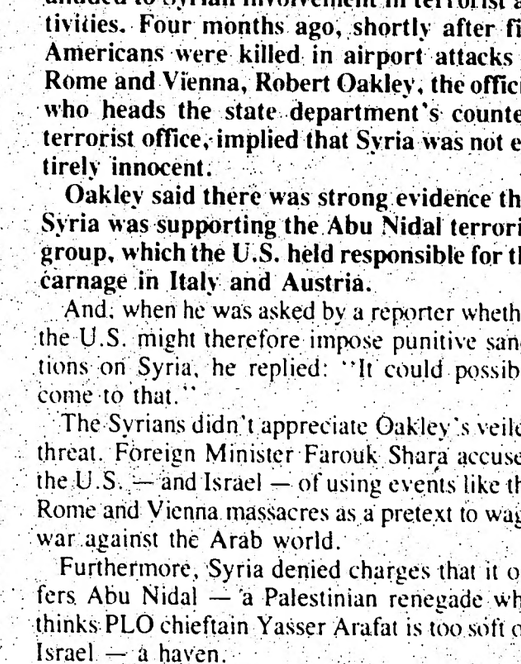
Furthermore, a variety of Palestinian guerrilla organizations described by Israel as terrorist have training camps in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley of Lebanon. Each of these groups, ranging from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine to Saiqa, have offices in Damascus, buy arms through the Syrian government, use Syrian banks and cooperate with Syrian intelligence.

Syria, when it deems it in its national interest, also permits radical Palestinians like George Habash to utter terroristic threats. Last month, Habash warned that Americans face further attacks because of the U.S. raid on Libya. In a rare interview, broadcast on CBS TV, he declared: "I think we have a right to do everything — politically, mass activities, even armed activities, against American interests."

Clearly, Syria shoulders part of the blame for some of the terrorist actions that have been carried out by Arabs in recent years. But Syria, unlike Libya, is officially circumspect about its role in international terrorism, and takes care to work through non-Syrian nationals like Lebanese Shiites.

Sometimes, Syria can't conceal terrorism it sponsors. It was reported last week that the key suspect in the April bombing of a West Berlin nightclub got his explosives from a Syrian-financed group. And Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin accused Syria of masterminding a recent attempt to blow up an El Al plane in London.

Still, Syria has been branded by the U.S. as a nation sanctioning terrorism.



Hafez Assad

Ronald Reagan

In all fairness, the Syrians have their own definition of terrorism. They draw a distinction between terrorism directed against Israel and terrorism directed against non-Israelis. Tishrin, the official organ of the ruling Baath Party, slightly rebuked the terrorists who mowed down civilians in Rome and Vienna, pointing out that "theatrical operations at world airports" were unnecessary.

During the Achille Lauro affair, the Syrians retrieved the bullet-riddled body of Leon Klinghoffer that had been washed up on their coastline and handed it over to the U.S. embassy in Damascus. To be sure, Syria had an ulterior motive. Syrian President Hafez Assad, who despises Yasser Arafat, simply wanted to embarrass the PLO chairman, who claimed that Klinghoffer had not been shot. By doing so, Assad inadvertently helped the U.S. make a watertight case against Arafat's complicity in the Achille Lauro hijacking.

Before the Achille Lauro incident, Syria was helpful as well in resolving the TWA hijacking by securing the release of 39 American passengers being held captive in Beirut by Lebanese Shiites.

The state department said it was "highly appreciative" of Syria's assistance. But significantly, spokesman Bernard Kalb noted that the Reagan administration still considered Syria a state which supported terrorism.

Nearly one year after the TWA hijacking, Washington's view of Syria has not changed by one iota. At the very least, the Americans believe that the Syrians are guilty of turning a blind eye to terrorist operations conceived on their soil or in the Bekaa Valley.

The question arises: Would the U.S. retaliate against Syria, Libyan-style, if it had conclusive proof that Syria planned a terrorist act?

Washington's response would depend, of course, on the severity of the attack. But, in the opinion of most observers, the U.S., for political and military reasons, would be slow to undertake an operation as momentous as the bombing of Syrian cities like Damascus and Latakia.

•Syria is far more politically powerful than Libya, a backwater state that has relatively little influence in the Arab world.

•The Soviet Union has major stakes in Syria. An American strike at Syria could imperil Washington's already shaky relationship with Moscow and could even lead to a major superpower showdown.

•Syria is one of the keys to a successful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. If the Americans so alienate Syria, they can forget about the dawning of peace in the Middle East, which is remote anyway. In 1983, the Syrians scuttled the U.S.-engineered Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement. To his chagrin, Secretary of State George Shultz found out the hard way how influential the Syrians can be.

•Syria can still theoretically help the U.S. win the release of several American hostages being held in Lebanon.

Muammar Qadaffi

•In strictly military terms, Syria is a much more difficult target than Libya. For all his wild boasts, Muammar Qadaffi could not even begin to confront the U.S. The Syrians have more sophisticated weapon systems at their disposal and they're better trained than the Libyans.

The Americans have not forgotten that, in December of 1983, at the height of their involvement in Lebanon, two of their fighter-jets were shot down by Syrian anti-aircraft missiles over the Bekaa Valley.

In a major raid on Syria, the U.S. Air Force would lose more than two planes. For any American President, the domestic political fallout could be as disastrous as Jimmy Carter's abortive raid on Teheran.

These obvious factors have not escaped Hafez Assad, Syria's durable and wily leader. And certainly, they have not been lost on Ronald Reagan, his rhetoric notwithstanding.

Experts claim evidence shows one author

Computers add scope to Bible study

By
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JERUSALEM —

Scientists in Israel, who are using computers to analyze the Bible, are uncovering evidence which is leading them to conclude that the holy text was written by one hand and not by a proliferation of authors. The two experts who used a letter-skipping method of decoding the Old Testament and other holy writings say their evidence strongly suggests that the Bible couldn't have been written by a mortal.

Biblical scholar Dr. Moshe Katz and computer expert Dr. Menachem Wiener of the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, have conducted research based on the notion that significant words are concealed in the Hebrew text of the first five books of the Bible spelled by letters separated at fixed intervals, a system alluded to in rabbinic literature much later. Using this approach, words and concepts were uncovered that do not appear explicitly in the text.

Dr. Katz, who explained his theories to journalists at a press briefing here, said that the researchers' evidence dispels the belief that the Bible is a collection of documents written and edited by different persons at different times. The patterns of letters repeated throughout all the texts dismiss this theory, he said, because the statistical probability of the patterns of information appearing at set intervals by chance is extremely low — sometimes 1:3 million.

Giving examples of significant words revealed in the text, he pointed to the repetition of the Hebrew word "Torah" (Bible) which appears in the Book of Genesis repeatedly every 50 characters and the word "Elohim" (God) which appears in the same book when skipping 26 letters. The numbers 50 and 26 have great significance in Jewish tradition, he stressed.

The remarkable aspect of the research is not that words are being found in the text by stringing together letters at regular intervals. "That," Dr. Wiener pointed out in an interview in his office at the Technion, "can be done by applying the method to a telephone directory" — but that in every instance, the revealed words bear direct relevance to the text in which they were concealed.

For instance, the burial site of Adam and Eve is never mentioned in the text of the Bible, but by the letter-skipping method, the names "Adam" and "Eve" appear in the text where the burial place of Abraham and Sarah — the Patriarch's Tomb — is described.

The project came about when Katz, out of curiosity, decided to try analyzing the Bible using the known rabbinical method of letter-skipping. He approached Wiener to design the necessary computer program to begin research into the Book of Genesis.

Speaking from behind a desk stacked with reams of biblical text, Wiener explained how the two scientists worked: "We use two basic methods of investigation. One approach entails having the text printed out in a specified number of letters to the line and then running one's eye down the page to ascertain whether any words emerge from the new arrangement of letters. The number is entirely arbitrary and we constantly experiment with different arrangements.

"The second method is to give the computer a key word — 'Adam' for example — and command it to find whether the letters A,D,A,M, are concealed in a defined body of text, again at arbitrary but regular intervals."

Another extraordinary aspect to emerge from the research is the prophetic nature of many words revealed in the texts, which gives ammunition to Katz's conviction that the Old Testament and certain holy writings which came later were not written by a human hand.

For instance, Katz pointed to the Book of Esther which is read during Purim to commemorate the saving of the Persian Jews during the reign of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes).

After Haman, one of the king's ministers, received permission from him to effectively exterminate the Jewish population, Queen Esther, a Jewess, succeeded in persuading the king to revoke the permission; this action resulted in great rejoicing which is today celebrated as the Feast of Purim. As a consequence, Haman's 10 sons were hanged and their names are listed in the Book of Esther. After the hangings were carried out, and Esther was asked by the king what more could he do for her and her people, she requested: "And let Haman's 10 sons be hanged upon the gallows." (Book of Esther, 9:13) a reply which has puzzled scholars for centuries, since the ten were already dead.

A major hint explaining this mystery, said Katz, is the appearance of the three Hebrew letters "taf," "shin" and "zayin" in the list of Haman's 10 hanged sons (written smaller than the other letters); taf, shin, zayin spell out the number in the Jewish calendar for the year 1946 of the Gregorian calendar. On Oct. 16, 1946, explained Katz, who showed a slide of the front page of the Herald Tribune of that date, 10 Nazis were hanged following their conviction and sentencing in the Nuremberg Trials. (Eleven had been convicted, in fact, but Herman Goering had committed suicide by poisoning an hour before the execution).

Inexplicably, Julius Streicher, one of the 10 hanged, seconds before the noose was tightened cried, "Purim Fest, 1946!" Both Goering and Streicher had become instruments in the fulfilment of the prophecy of the Book of Esther, said Katz.

Additionally, said Katz, in 1946 according to the Jewish calendar, Oct. 16 fell exactly on the annual Jewish holiday Hoshana Raba which is considered the last day of judgment in a chain of high holidays including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — a period of judgment.

The Purim-Nazi story was one of the most dramatic examples given by the Israeli scientists of the many ways the Bible and other holy writings provide prophetic hints of the future.

"Such a phenomenon cannot be explained rationally," Wiener commented. "So we need a non-rational explanation. And ours is that the Bible was written by God, through the hand of Moses. Clearly, we have not scientifically proved this, but the preponderance of occurrence certainly points to it. And it is as reasonable a supposition, if not more so, than the theories claiming that the Bible has several authors."

The professors have only scratched the surface with their research so far. Unexplored biblical texts are already on the computer, waiting to be tackled. The scientists also plan to make this method of studying the Bible available on microcomputer to high school students.

Inevitably there will be sceptics and critics to answer, but whichever views other scholars hold, many will admit that computer technology is adding powerful new dimensions to the study of the Bible.

Opinion

Israel-China commercial, scientific contacts grow

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

Hardly a day goes by that the press in Israel does not carry news items reporting on social, scientific, economic or other developments in China. There is enormous interest here in the great giant of the Far East, and a broad feeling of goodwill for that country, a feeling which unfortunately is not reflected in the official relations between the two lands.

Your columnist took three weeks off not long ago to go and see for himself. Together with a group of other Israelis we visited almost a dozen cities and farm communities, traversing the country from north to south for close to 2,000 kilometres, and penetrating the interior for more than 1,000 kilometres. We went where our official guides took us, but were also free to wander the streets and alleys on our own, and even had opportunity to visit Chinese at their homes.

In our conversations and observations we could not fail to be struck by many similarities between China and Israel, despite the great disparity in size. For one thing, like the Jews the Chinese have a great consciousness of their past. Furthermore, the close-knit nature of the family is very much alike among both peoples, although the present Chinese policy of enforcing a limitation of only one child per family may yet destroy this social fabric. In contrast to Israel, we did not find a single pregnant woman among the hundreds of thousands of Chinese we saw in the streets.

Aside from the usual tourist sites, like the Great Wall, the Grand Canal, the Terra Cotta Warriors and numerous pagodas, we also visited a Moslem mosque, built in Chinese style, and without a minaret. The Moslems, descended from Middle Easterners who came to China a thousand years ago, look like their Chinese neighbors in all regards except one. Whereas Chinese males grow hair sparsely on their faces, needing a shave only once or twice a month, the Chinese Moslems can grow full beards.

Similarly, many of the descendants of the now extinct Jewish community of Kaifeng, who are also completely Chinese in appearance, have their own distinguishing characteristic. One of the scions of this tribe, we learned, shaves his head clean in traditional style. Otherwise, his hair is very curly, which marks him out as a foreigner.

Those of us who observed kashrut found little difficulty. We dined in Buddhist restaurants, which are completely vegetarian, and elsewhere found an ample supply of vegetables which, wrapped in alumninum foil brought along for the purpose, were steamed in hotel kitchens. Those who wanted to make sure, brought along their own supply of dried salami, canned tuna, dried Israeli soup mixes, biscuits and crackers, which were augmented by locally purchased tangerines, bananas, apples and other fruit.

Though the Beijing government is unwilling to establish diplomatic relations, there are all indications of growing commercial and scientific contacts. In other fields as well the relations seem to be expanding. Israel's agricultural experts are said to have spent time in China, and have planned the establishment of a model farm. Israeli scientists have been welcome participants at international conferences there, and the Technion reported not long ago that the Chinese had displayed extreme interest in a Technion-developed process for producing energy from farm wastes, which is now in use in Israel.

A Hebrew textbook entitled Non-Linear Programming — Analysis and Methods, written by Prof. Mordecai Avriel of the Technion, has been translated into Chinese and is widely used there by industrial and management engineers.

The Israel press carries advertisements from international firms offering their services to local companies interested in exporting their products to China, and a growing trade is said to be developing, even in the absence of diplomatic relations. What else can Israel sell to China? A senior Chinese diplomatic official is quoted as saying that if only one out of three Chinese were once a year to purchase a pair of stockings made in Israel, it could create a boom in Israel's economy.

While Chinese restaurants are flourishing in Israel, the Chinese themselves seem to have taken a liking to food from Israel. Exporters from here who have spoken to Chinese importers report considerable interest in Israel's preserved or dried vegetables, various fruit essences and raw materials for their own food industry.

Plans are now also being made for the establishment of a China-Israel Freindship Society, with headquarters in Tel Aviv.

We were told that there are no kibbutzim or kolkhozes in China. The communes have been replaced by private farming or moshav-type settlements which appear to be prospering, and the agriculturists are today emerging as a semi-bourgeois class, more able to afford the purchase of private cars than the city dwellers.

One comes away from China awed by the size of the country and the numbers of its population. Their problems are enormous, but it is impossible not to admire the tenacity and the industriousness of this patient people, who have endured so much, and are desperately seeking to improve their nation's lot through a form of state socialism which seeks to avoid the worst errors of Soviet Communism.

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JB was so busy last week with the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly that he didn't have time to finish his column for this issue. "I've got one page done," he reported to the editor, "but I'm too involved to finish in time for deadline."

J.B. Salsberg

He promises to be back in this usual space next week, with his comments on the assembly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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HITS REFORM CONVERSIONS

Reform Jews are using non-rabbis to convert Gentiles to Judaism in Toronto. They are doing this by using "quickie" instant conversion practices.

I quote from a recent Lubavitch publication:

"Do you want your daughter to marry a non-Jew who is registered as a Jew on the authority of a Reform 'conversion certificate' which can be acquired in the U.S. for $25 without any serious effort on the part of the 'convert?' "

I suggest that only Orthodox — i.e. *real* — rabbis be allowed to convert Gentiles.

Anyone converted by a non-Orthodox rabbi should not be accepted by the Jewish community or allowed to take part in any Jewish functions.

Moreover, since most converts aren't sincere about it, I'd make a true convert wait five years before receiving an aliyah, and being married by a rabbi. This is to prevent instant conversion just for the sake of marriage.

After all, can anyone, after 20-30 years of Christmas and Easter, suddenly *feel* as a real Jew does about a Yom Tov? It takes time.

New drivers are on probation. Why not new Jews?

Children have to be 13 before they are allowed certain honors, even though born Jewish. Why should a recent convert be allowed to touch the Torah or stand under a chupa?

Since the Reform do not believe in halacha and will convert anyone, we must totally reject Reform conversions as meaningless.

Moish Goldmintz
Toronto

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SLAMS ORTHODOX "CHUTZPAH"

No! Rabbi Moses Burak has not addressed the issues in Sally Zerker's Viewpoints article on ultra-Orthodoxy in Israel. There really isn't much for him to defend anyway, given all the stated facts.

So he has reverted to his predictable condemnation of Zerker's Jewishness itself and, indirectly, an intolerance of all us other "lesser" mortals who don't adhere to Orthodoxy status, philosophy and way of life.

I will never understand how any God-loving Jew can take it upon himself to be judge over his fellow beings.

Who has the chutzpah to tell me that I'm not up to standard to be a Jew because I don't happen to adorn an Orthodoxy label?

Let's live and let live! The hatred that is flowing forth from all areas is self-destructive. I feel that before we can have success with Christian/Jewish dialogue, we have to get Jewish/Jewish dialogue act together.

Really, if the Arabs were clever, they simply would sit back on their heels, rest their guns, and leave us to our own destiny!

Janet R. Fine
Toronto

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EUROPEAN "ALLIES" GUTLESS

In the recent furore over Libyan-backed terrorism, the Europeans have shown their true colors.

Except for British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (the only one with enough gumption and resolve), those European "allies" acted gutlessly, spinelessly and cowardly.

They have betrayed the alliance, not because they disagreed with the American policy of acting against terrorism, but because their condemnation was born out of fear of reprisal, and not out of a sound assessment.

It is now coming to the fore that countries like Spain, Italy, France and Belgium made ad hoc agreements with terrorist organizations in the 1960s and 70s which would give those organizations free passage to operate, and in return, the terrorists would not bother them.

Well, this policy that they embarked on 20 years ago, which in a way gave the terrorist organizations tacit approval and recognition, has turned into a rude awakening, and they are paying for it now.

If they were strong 20 years ago, they would not be in the hot water they are in today.

Jacob Blaff
Richmond Hill, Ont.

Margaret Thatcher, shown on a visit to Israel with the late Golda Meir, is said by a reader to be the only U.S. ally in Europe who acted with gumption to help retaliate against Libya-backed terrorism.

A FARBISSENER BULL-HEADED?

Re reader Misha Allen's April 3 letter headed "Tzumisht or farmisht?" on Frank Rasky's bull-headed translation into colloquial English of "*eingeshparter akshen*" as "stubborn as an ox."

Why so much ado about an inconsistent uttering in which no less than three authorities tried their best to find the right solution. Who is *eingeshpart* is *an akshen*, (who is stubborn is obstinate) and vice versa.

It sounds, therefore, like *milehike milech* (milky milk) or *flayshik flaysh* (meaty meat).

Allen suggested: *obstinate as a stubborn person* . . . again using a synonym.

J. B. Salsberg's advice to Mr. Rasky: *eingeshpart vie an oks*. (stubborn as an ox).

Mr. Rasky prefered: *eingeshpart vie a mule*. But, *voos azonyns*, is a mule. It is a mixture of Yiddish and English; but, colloquial English, it isn't.

All three gentlemen used comparisons — the first mentioned above with a person and the other two with animals, whereas in the original, there are no comparisons.

So why not: *a farbissener akshen* (terribly stubborn)?

Joachim Schoenfeld
Toronto

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BELLEVILLE, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!

My family and I had the privilege of attending a bar mitzvah on March 29 for a son of my niece and nephew of Belleville, Ont. My niece and her Israeli husband operate a sheep farm just north of Belleville.

Our reason for writing is because we were so impressed by the hospitality, warmth and communal spirit of this small Jewish community.

It was heartwarming to see how this community extended its kindness in helping this young couple celebrate their simcha.

Ruth and Barney Ross
London, Ont.

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"PRAISE AND THANK YOUS"

The World Union for Progressive Judaism Conference is over and we have had nothing but praise and thank yous from the delegates.

The Canadian Jewish News did a splendid job on reporting the upcoming conference as well as a superb job on conference events. The delegates were delighted with the opportunity of having their own copy of The CJN.

Please accept our appreciation and thanks for a job superbly done.

Henrietta Chesnie & Leon King
Canadian Council of
Liberal Congregations
Toronto

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SPEAKS FOR "MODEST" JB

Joe Salsberg may be too modest to say it for himself, so I'll do it for him.

I am writing in response to Max Freiberg's April 23 letter, "JB's crocodile tears," in which he berates Salsberg for being "far from the Zionist or Jewish nationalist philosophy."

Freiberg, apparently, didn't do his homework on Joe's personal and political history. In his younger day, there was a time when J. B. Salsberg was secretary-general of the Young Poale Zion movement of *America* (not just of Canada).

True, JB departed from that political and ideological area. But it certainly can't be said that he was "far" from it, or that he never knew much about it, and was uninformed on the subject.

Gershon B. Kravitz
Toronto

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"VIOLENCE BEGETS VIOLENCE"

We are members of the Toronto chapter of the New Jewish Agenda, a North American organization that upholds progressive Jewish values and affirms that the goals of peace and justice are attainable.

Thus we must condemn the recent attack on Libya.

Although we are appalled by Col. Qadaffi's promotion of terrorism, we think the U.S. attack, supported by Canada, is a dangerously inappropriate response.

Violence serves to beget violence.

The murderous cycle of attack and reprisal can only be broken in one way: by negotiations in the Middle East.

As Jews, we choose the peace process, not the war process.

J. Swartz
(and six others)
Toronto

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World-National

Softening seen with Gorbachev regime

Bronfman gives out hope for Soviet Jews

The CJC Plenary

By
JANICE ARNOLD

TORONTO —

Some signs exist that the Gorbachev regime may ease up on its restriction of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman told the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly.

The Soviet Union has indicated that direct flights of Jewish emigres to Tel Aviv, or via an Iron Curtain country capital, rather than through Vienna, might be possible, said Bronfman. The Soviets have also expressed a willingness to discuss recognition of Israel for the chance to be involved in Middle East negotiations, he said.

The recent release of Anatoly Scharansky and some other lesser known but key leaders of the Soviet Jewish emigration movement also offers a "glimmer of hope."

Bronfman said he is awaiting a reply from Alexander Dobrinin, head of the Communist Party's foreign affairs department, on his request for a meeting. Bronfman described how, when Dobrinin was Soviet ambassador to Washington, the two men enjoyed an apparently sociable and frank relationship.

World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman (left) chats with Barbara Stern, chairman of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry, Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MadDonald and CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose. [Graphic Artists photo]

During their frequent meetings in the United States, Bronfman said, he often engaged in "long philosophical discussions" with Dobrinin on the Soviet Jewry question. Dobrinin even showed personal compassion for the plight of some longtime Refuseniks, particularly the exiled Ida Nudel.

"Dobrinin would say, 'You know I agree with you, the problem is trying to convince those over there.'" Now that Dobrinin is "over there" and "reports only to Gorbachev," Bronfman hopes their discussions may go beyond the philosophical.

Despite the reported crackdowns on Jewish cultural and religious activists, Bronfman said there are today in the Soviet Union a couple of thousand Talmudists. "This may indicate that Jews will be able to live a dignified life in the Soviet Union as Jews. And if they want to emigrate, they will have more desire to go to Israel."

This more lenient attitude to Jewish cultural expression may stem from the Soviets' recognizing the value of its Jewish population, he said. "Jews are smart; they are probably the smartest ethnic group in the Soviet Union...The Soviet recognize that Jewish brains are necessary in technology, science and the other areas Jews have historically excelled in if the Soviet Union is to carry out the radical changes" needed to its economy, which Bronfman described as being in "complete turmoil."

The Soviets also perceive world Jewry as powerful, said Bronfman, and would like to have their support for detente. "There is no question that Soviet Jews are used as pawns in East-West negotiations on trade and other difficult matters. And there is no question the Soviets will give as little as possible and expect much more back."

Therefore, according to Bronfman, Jews here must continue to apply pressure on the Soviet Union through public demonstrations of their displeasure with the way it treats its Jews.

Bronfman said he believes in a "2-track system: quiet diplomacy, yes, but lots of noise at the same time."

Also sharing the dais with Bronfman at a plenary session on Soviet Jewry were employment and immigration minister Flora MacDonald and Barbara Stern, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' National Committee on Soviet Jewry.

Macdonald reiterated the Canadian government's commitment to attach the "utmost importance" to respect for human rights and in particular Jewish emigration in its relations with the Soviet Union. "Canada cannot and will not forget the Jews of the Soviet Union."

She asked for the support, advice and even criticism of the Canadian Jewish community to help the government in pursuing this policy. "Our initiatives may not appear dramatic or grab the headlines, but this does not mean we are doing nothing. We must work within established boundaries, but our goal is the same."

Stern, who has devoted many years to the Soviet Jewry issue, said the Soviet Union must not pereceive that the battle for Jewish rights is ending in the West, now that Scharansky is out. "Perhaps the Soviets think they can end the movement, that we will get tired, by giving us Jews one by one."

Stern said the Soviets are concerned with their public image and demonstrations and other public outcries must be continued. "We must make the Soviets see it is not in their interest to keep Jews. We have to make it too costly for them to keep our Jews."

The Canadian Jewish community must not forget that many prominent Jewish activists are still in the Soviet Union, like Alexander Lerner, Ida Nudel, Viktor Brailovsky and Vladimir Slepak.

Rescue of Ethiopian Jews a sensitive subject

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The rescue of Ethiopian Jews still in that beleaguered country is a sensitive subject, a fact in evidence at the forum on Ethiopian Jews at last week's CJC plenary.

Much of the proceedings in the forum were off the record because of the sensitive nature of rescuing those Jews not taken to Israel in the daring 1984-85 airlift, Operation Moses.

At first, the CJN reporter was told the forum was closed to media and ordered to leave, but an arrangement was agreed upon that material designated beforehand as off the record would remain that way.

There are currently 16,000 Ethiopian Jews living in Israel and they have integrated well, said participants Alan Rose, executive vice-president of CJC, and Mark Zarecki of Montreal's Hillel Student Union. Stan Cytrynbaum, of CJC's Ethiopian Jewry committee, served as chairman.

As for the number of Jews still in Ethiopia, Rose estimated it is in the 10,000 to 12,000 range, mostly old men, children and women, but the number could be higher because of the many undeclared Jews in the country who are still inwardly Jews and because of unreliable census figures.

In Ethiopia's Gondar province, where most of the remaining Jews live, the food situation is still "very difficult," Rose said. He praised Canada for donating more food and famine relief money per capita than any other country in the world.

Rose said he perceives two developments in Ethiopia that could affect Jews: 1, the country, he said, although Marxist, is slowly moving out of the Soviet sphere and into a more neutral light, and 2, because of the overthrow of the Sudanese government last year, the escape route through that country has all but closed to Ethiopians.

Rose said Israel is responsible for rescuing the remaining Ethiopian Jews. "I think we have to put our faith in Israel."

Family reunification is probably the best grounds to proceed on taking the remaining Jews out of Ethiopia. In theory, Rose said, Ethiopia supports the concept of family reunification.

He said he is "hopeful" a reunification program can be implemented.

Several Ethiopian Jews now living in Montreal were present at the forum and they expressed their anger at Rose for having stated in an article in The CJN (Dec. 6, 1984) that said remaining Jews in Ethiopia are in "basically sound medical condition" and "the effects of the famine have not yet reached their towns and communities." This, they charged, made it sound as if the Jews were in good shape and not desirous of leaving.

Rose defended the article, saying the Jews he met were in fact in basically good health.

One questioner wondered aloud why CJC and the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews (CAEJ) couldn't "get their stuff together" and present a united front.

While CJC has in the past worked in close cooperation with Jewish Immigration Aid Service (JIAS) in bringing about 50 Ethiopian Jews to Canada, the panelists declined to say exactly what else CJC is doing.

"We helped bring out (about 700) Iraqi Jews in 1971 and we had to sit on our hands and bite our cheeks because we were accused of not doing anything," Rose said.

Tokyo summit attacked for windbag statements

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

When dealing with terrorism the nationality of the group does not matter, says Prof. Leslie Green. All that does is the act itself.

"Regardless of who commits the act, terrorism is terrorism is terrorism," said Green, a professor of international law at the University of Edmonton, at a forum on international terrorism at the Canadian Jewish Congress' plenary assembly. He was introduced by the incoming chairman of CJC, Ontario Region, Charles Zaionz. "I want to see direct action taken against terrorism."

Green lashed out at the recent Tokyo summit for its "windbag statements on terrorism" and President Ronald Reagan's "Rambo" attack on Libya. He said that Reagan's allies did not support the attack as they were not convinced that it was meant as an attack against terrorism. If Reagan was really interested in fighting terrorism, he would also have to focus on Lebanon and Syria, Green said. However, he added, they are not as easy to hit as Libya.

Instead of eliminating terrorism, Green said the attack only served to unite the Arab world behind Qadaffi and Libya.

He said that terrorist groups are usually made up of the upper middle class who feel they have to reject everything their society stands for. He added that females are far more deadly then their male counterparts and are often the organizers and brains of an operation.

Green said that it is important to distinguish between two types of terrorism — that which happens within a specific country and does not affect other countries and that which happens in one country and affects another.

He cited the Quebec October Crisis of 1970 when one cell of the FLQ kidnapped Quebec MLA Pierre Laporte in the hopes of gaining concessions from the Canadian and Quebec governments as the first form of terrorism. At the same time, he said, another cell kidnapped British diplomat James Cross in order to force the British government to press the Canadian and Quebec governments for concessions for the terrorists. This, he said, is the latter type of terrorism.

Green questioned the usage of terms associated with terrorism. He said that when the PLO hijacks a school bus in Israel it is not a act of terrorism, but a war crime. This is because it occurs in an area of armed conflict. However if the same group blows up an Israeli embassy abroad, then it constitutes an act of terrorism.

Another term Green said the media often misuses is "execution." He said that what it means is carrying out a death sentence following a trial. Therefore, he said, when terrorist groups kill a hostage it is an act of murder and not an execution.

Waldheim's past denounced

TORONTO —

Kurt Waldheim was "part and parcel of the Nazi killing machine," World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman told the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly, and he is "clearly unrepentent of his past and unashamed of the constant lies he gets caught in."

Bronfman said the results of the May 4 Austrian presidential election, which gave the former United Nations secretary-general 49.6% of the vote, can be viewed as both a victory and a defeat for him. A defeat because the polls had given Waldheim 70% of the popular vote at the start of the campaign; and a victory because it shows that many Austrians suffer from what Bronfman termed "Waldheimer's disease — selective amnesia which allows one to forget things they did that they are very ashamed of."

Bronfman said he is not concerned with the outcome of the June 8 runoff election in Austria. Whatever the results, he said, Waldheim should not be allowed into the United States or any other country in the free world.

"The World Jewish Congress has done the job for which it was created in 1936: to fight Nazism and anti-semitism, and the only way to do that is to expose it to public scrutiny."

Bronfman admitted that there have been questions about the wisdom of WJC's exposing Waldheim during a presidential campaign for fear that world Jewry would be accused of meddling in the country's politics and possibly stirring up anti-semitism against Austria's 7,500 Jews.

The WJC decided that the "moral imperative of making sure the Holocaust is never forgotten by the world and never allowed to happen again" overrode these concerns. "To ignore (what WJC found out about Waldheim's past), would be to aid and abet those who deny the Holocaust.

"The fact that it happened on the eve of an election was an unfortunate piece of timing."

He said an article in an Austrian magazine last winter containing a brief mention of Waldheim's having been on the staff of a Nazi general who was hung in Yugoslavia for war crimes led the WJC to its investigation of Waldheim.

Attention called to plight of Soviet Jews

"Red Square" becomes site of protest

The CJC Plenary

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Organizers at last week's Canadian Jewish Congress plenary set up a symbolic "piece of the Soviet Union" when they roped off a section of sidewalk across the street from the Metro Convention Centre to call attention to the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Protesters, wearing black robes and sashes bearing the names of prominent Refuseniks, stood in "Red Square," a 10-foot-square piece of red satin, and called on the Soviet Union to widen the flow of Jewish emigration.

Only 200 Soviet Jews were allowed exit visas in the first three months of 1986, organizers noted, indicating the once steady flow of Jews from the Soviet Union has slowed to a trickle.

In 1979, the peak year of Jewish emigration, over 51,000 were allowed out. In 1985, the number was 1,139, up slightly from the all-time low in 1984 of 896.

"There is a Soviet embassy in Ottawa and a consulate in Montreal but there is no Soviet presence in Toronto," Wendy Litwack, co-chairman of CJC's Ontario Region's Committee for Soviet Jewry, told the 100 or so delegates attending.

"That's why we have this Red Square."

Soviet Jews "remain hostages living under a regime designed to stifle Jewish life," Litwack said. "In Canada we have an army of caring men and women who cry out for freedom for Soviet Jews."

"I look forward to the day we no longer have to come together," said Bob Rae, leader of Ontario's New Democratic Party. "But we are here, to protest the tremendous infringements on human rights in the Soviet Union. The totalitarian regime is designed to make people forget; to make people nothing.

"We pray: Next year in Jerusalem," Rae said.

MP Bill Attewell, a member of the Canadian Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry, announced his intentions to become a voting delegate at the United Nations sometime in the future, "and I will demand the USSR live up to international human rights agreements," as outlined in the 1975 Helsinki Accords.

"The Soviets would have us believe not many want to leave," Attewell said, "but we know that's wrong."

"This year marked a triumph over anti-semitism with the release of Anatoly Scharansky," remarked MPP Steve Offer, a co-chairman of the Ontario Legislature Committee for Soviet Jewry, "but it was only one day — a scintilla of time.

"We have the freedom, thank God, to be here today to make certain freedom comes to all Jews in the USSR."

Participants in a rally on behalf of Soviet Jewry stand outside "Red Square" at last week's CJC plenary. [Graphic Artists photo]

Rev. Ron Scott of Toronto's Christian-Jewish Dialogue and a member of the Interfaith Task Force on Soviet Jewry, quoted the Ba'al Shem Tov, the founder of modern chassidism: " 'Remembrance is the secret of redemption.' Let each of us resolve that we will remember."

A message from Scharansky was read by Goldie Hershon, chairman of Quebec Region's Soviet Jewry committee, expressing the freed dissident's "utmost thanks" to supporters during his 13-year period of incarceration.

"Together, we'll do it," Scharansky wrote.

High-level CJC officials bore the names of Soviet "hostages." Past national president Milton Harris represented Josef Begun; new Quebec Region chairman Morton Bessner was representing Yuli Edelshtein; Ron Appleby, president of Toronto Jewish Congress bore the name of Alexander Lerner; Barbara Stern, national chairman of CJC's Committee for Soviet Jewry represented Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak was represented by former Ontario Region chairman Les Scheininger.

Marsha Slavens of Ontario Region's Soviet Jewry committee called on everyone to sign a giant card of protest, which will be forwarded to the Soviet ambassador to Canada.

The event's sole happy moment came when Mimi Estrin, chairman of the North American Jewish Students' Network's Soviet Jewry committee, confirmed reports that Avital Scharansky is pregnant.

Network is planning a cross-Canada Freedom Caravan for Soviet Jewry, beginning in Halifax immediately following the plenary and ending at the Soviet pavilion at Expo 86 in Vancouver.

Vatican faces dilemma over Israel ties

By
JANICE ARNOLD

TORONTO —
Fears for the safety of the small Catholic minorities in Moslem countries is probably the biggest stumbling block to the Vatican's recognition of the State of Israel today, according to Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, who has been involved in interfaith dialogue for 25 years.

"If the cost were not so high, I believe recognition would have been given by now," he said at a forum entitled Jewish-Christian Relations: Crossroads or Turning Point? at the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly.

Pearlson, the spiritual leader of Toronto's Temple Sinai, likened the Vatican's dilemma to that faced by the Jewish community when it had to keep silent out of fears for the Jews of Argentina during the military regime.

The Vatican's non-recognition of Israel does not stem from "pique or contempt for Jewish hopes and feelings. The Catholic Church's attitude to Jews has been turned around 180 degrees in the last 40 years."

Pearlson is certain the Vatican has wanted to extend recognition to Israel for several years now but is waiting for a time when "the world is sane enough to allow it to do so." The Vatican does maintain de facto relations with Israel, he said, and the Israeli ambassador to Vatican City enjoys "very open" communication with the Church hierarchy.

"I am convinced the Vatican is working on a possible solution. The old excuse that recognition could not be given to Israel while its borders were undefined is no longer acceptable, and the Vatican knows it."

Also addressing this forum were the heads of the two major church organizations in Canada: Bishop Bernard Hubert, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop Edward Scott, president of the Canadian Council of Churches and primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Dr. Victor Goldbloom, head of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, was moderator.

Although directly questioned by a member of the audience on recognition of Israel, Hubert declined to speak on behalf of the Vatican. His personal view of the matter is that differing Christian and Jewish traditions on the meaning of Jerusalem to their faith is a reason for the Vatican's reluctance to recognize Israel.

All three clergymen spoke of the greater understanding of one another's religions and mutual trust achieved through years of dialogue. Canada was described as being unique in that through the National Tripartite Liaison Committee, Catholics, Protestants and Jews have met regularly over the past 10 years for frank discussion. (Canadian Jewish Congress represents the Jewish community on this committee.)

Scott, however, warned that how far this relationship will go in the future depends on how much time each faith puts into working on it. "If we say we are too busy to devote much time to dialogue, there will be a gradual separation...It would be a tragedy, after the strides that have been made, if too few people do not make the time or are afraid of the challenge of exposing themselves and the presuppositions of their faith to other people."

Hubert said that at every level of its teachings, the Catholic Church has removed inferences of Jewish blame for Christ's persecution which has been used as a basis for discrimination against Jews since. Jews are now being portrayed as Christianity's "beloved and elder brothers and sisters."

But, Hubert said, the Catholic Church's present outlook on Judaism is only 20 years and "still in its infancy."

"It's not surprising there have been ups and downs, stops and starts...Yet, Jewish-Catholic dialogue is here to stay, grounded not in a guilt complex but in the renewed consciousness of the Church of its own theological convictions."

For Jews' part, Pearlson said it is important that they not back away from invitations to dialogue as happened not long ago, for example, in Britain. He said pressure from the ultra-Orthodox in Israel led the British Jewish community to decline to participated in a high-level meeting with officials of the Anglican Church.

"We would not be where we are today without dialogue," said Pearlson. "While we are waiting for the Messiah, we have to ask ourselves what we are doing to make this world a worthy place to come back to."

Plaut says the community is "dangerously isolated"

TORONTO —
The Canadian Jewish community is "dangerously isolated" from society because of its lack of participation in "so-called non-Jewish causes," said Rabbi Gunther Plaut, keynote speaker at a plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

"World view narrow"

"Our world view is narrow and self-centred. We care for justice, so it appears, only when Jews are involved," he said. While the voices of individual Canadian Jews may be heard on issues of social justice, the community has turned a deaf ear to human rights except where it feels it is directly affected.

"To put it bluntly: all too many of our people take the attitude that questions of this kind are goyish business...I even hear it said: nobody worried about us during the Holocaust so let them worry about themselves this time."

Plaut, a past president of Canadian Jewish Congress, called this attitude "dreadful and immoral."

It is also "poor politics," because "Jews who care only for themselves and what concerns them have no credibility in the larger community.

"When we cry only for ourselves we will have no allies when we need them. It is as simple as that."

For example, Plaut said he was "bitterly disappointed" that the Jewish community did not make any representations before the 1-man federal commission to review the definition of refugee in Canadian immigration policy, which Plaut headed during the last couple of years.

Plaut observed that Canadian Jewry's indifference to broader issues is consistent with its own reluctance, at least until recently, to speak out even on those things that are immediately within its interest. He recalled that at another CJC plenary 24 years ago — just a year after he moved to Toronto from the United States — he exhorted the community to "be bold and forthright in pressing its claims, to be unafraid and take to the streets."

Thanked Holocaust survivors

His address at that time was met with "great scepticism, if not outright hostility," and Plaut was told that that was not the way things are done in Canada.

At this plenary, Plaut thanked the survivors of the Holocaust for waking up the Jewish community to its political potential. "They not only defeated Hitler by their very survival and by beating terrible odds, they also defeated forever the remnants of Jewish sha-sha tendencies and reliance on shtadlanim."

As for its internal politics, Plaut said, the increasing separation between the different denominations of Judaism is "disastrous." He called on Canadian Jews to take the lead in restoring "the art of dialogue" among world Jewry. "No segment of the community bears all the guilt and none is free from criticism. But to me, it is obvious that somewhere world Jewry has lost its sense of balance and civility, and the art of accepting one another.

"One does not have to agree with the validity of the other party's point of view, but it is necessary to accept the other faction's sincerity in its search for ways to make the Jewish people strong...Not everything is permitted in the name of freedom, and not everything is permitted in the name of halacha."

The Canadian Jewish community has the sense of caring, intelligence and commitment to take the lead in working for the unity of the Jewish people, according to Plaut. **J.A.**

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Cites difficulties with inquiry deadline

Deschenes has Soviet evidence, Meighen says

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — **The Deschenes Commission has already received evidence from the Soviet Union in the form of written statements about alleged Nazi war criminals in Canada, according to Commission lawyer Michael Meighen.**

An evidence-gathering trip to East Bloc countries would allow the Commission to test the credibility of the witnesses and authenticate allegations made in Canada against alleged war criminals, Meighen told The CJN following an address at a Canadian Jewish Congress plenary forum.

"We have in our possession sworn statements from people living abroad, including the Soviet Union," Meighen said.

Poland, in addition to the Soviet Union, has notified the Commission it will provide witnesses to testify about a Canadian being investigated as a possible Nazi war criminal, said Meighen. The Soviets have stated they have 34 witnesses prepared to testify against two Canadians — one a former Metro Toronto businessman.

Meighen said Poland and the Soviet Union responded to Commission requests for evidence-gathering trips on April 30, but that neither indicated whether they accepted the conditions set by the Commission as prerequisites for evidence-gathering abroad.

Those conditions include independent interpreters, access to original Nazi documents and the right to examine witnesses in accordance with Canadian law. Meighen said the Commission has written to the Poles and Soviets asking if the conditions are acceptable to them.

The Soviets advised the Commission it may conduct its investigation there after June 10, only three weeks prior to the date set for the Commission's final report, while the Poles didn't indicate any time preferences.

Meighen said the investigation of alleged war criminals is not dependant on foreign evidence, noting the Commission will face a logistical challenge to gather evidence abroad and still meet its June 30 deadline.

CJC legal counsel Irwin Cotler, the second featured speaker at the forum, stated that "startling and disturbing revelations" have revealed a pattern of "40 years of government inaction, or worse" in bringing Nazi war criminals to justice.

He said Congress recommended to the Commission that its mandate be extended so that the quality of the Commission's work should not be inhibited by time constraints and to allow it to follow up the trail of evidence, no matter where it leads.

Outgoing CJC President Milton Harris added "this community will not accept a report that is not the result of the utmost pursuit of evidence everywhere in the world," or which states there was "insufficient time or resources to fully investigate" alleged war criminals.

Speaking from the floor during a question period, Harris described the past history of inaction in bringing war criminals to justice, and like Cotler, argued that after 40 years of inaction, full time should be allowed the Commission to complete its work.

Responding to Justice Minister John Crosbie's recent statement that he did not foresee an extension being granted, Cotler told the forum that decision would be made by the entire cabinet — not by Crosbie alone.

He called for a letter-writing campaign to encourage cabinet members to extend the mandate, adding an "asymmetry" in lobbying politicians was developing with the possible result Jewish community may lose "by default" a political fight in the aftermath of the Commission report.

It is incumbent on the Jewish community to make its feelings known to the government, said Jack Silverstone, national executive director of CJC, referring to the period following the report when the government will determine its policy.

Calling the presence in Canada of Nazi war criminals "an affront" and "a moral outrage," Cotler said everyone in the Jewish community should educate as many people as possible about the reasons for investigating and prosecuting Nazi war criminals.

Searching out these men is not a question of "Jewish revenge," it's a question of justice, he said.

We live in an "Orwellian world where Raoul Wallenberg can be abducted and imprisoned for 40 years for saving Jews, and where Nazis can walk among us as free men for killing Jews," Cotler concluded.

Keegstra appeal set for Oct. 14 in Calgary

The CJC Plenary

TORONTO — Former Eckville school teacher Jim Keegstra will soon be in court again.

This time Keegstra, convicted last July of promoting hatred against Jews, will take his case to the Alberta Court of Appeal in Calgary beginning Oct. 14.

Bruce Fraser, the Crown attorney who led the 13-week prosecution against the former social studies teacher, told The CJN one week of court time has been set aside for the appeal.

Fraser, who along with history prof. Irving Abella and assistant Crown attorney Peter Griffiths addressed the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary on racism and prosecuting hatemongers, told about 150 delegates that section 281.2 of the Criminal Code was designed to deal with people like Keegstra.

Prior to the decision to prosecute Keegstra, "grave doubts" existed that a conviction could be obtained on a charge which provides a number of statutory defences, Fraser said.

But two legal opinions, one prepared by him, argued a conviction could be obtained, leaving the Alberta attorney-general little or no option but to agree to the prosecution, he said. (Under 281.2, the consent of the attorney-general must be obtained prior to prosecution.)

"The only way prosecution shouldn't take place," he added, was if the victim, in this case the Jewish community, made its objections known. And even then, the attorney general may decide it is in society's best interests to proceed.

Presenting a personal view, Fraser said he believed the decision to prosecute was correct, because he "saw the harm inflicted on the students" Keegstra taught for 14 years.

Most believed what Keegstra said about Jews (such as the existence of a Jewish-Communist plot to control the world and that the Holocaust was a myth) and they can later pass those ideas on to friends.

The trials of Ernst Zundel and Keegstra "left us numb and outraged," said Abella. It showed people so ugly, they cannot be ignored.

They would like nothing better than to isolate and divide Jews, he said, adding they represent the obvious aspect of anti-semitism in Canada. But a "hard rock layer of racism exists just below the surface" — and not just against Jews, Abella said.

Pointing to an "ugly innuendo" in the House of Commons accusing Jews of double loyalty, of increasing use of the Holocaust metaphor in attacks on Israel, of those who delight in singling out Israel for special observation, Abella said his "Jewish antennae" tuned into anti-semitism are "waving like crazy."

Abella said a recent public opinion poll found 6% of Canadians consider themselves anti-semites while 20% admit to some prejudices against Jews. Abella noted that amounts to close to 7 million people.

He called for Jewish activism in confronting anti-semitism. "We have the political and economic power to take on our enemies. We need only the will to do so."

Griffiths outlined the difficulties he faced in prosecuting Zundel under the "false news" section of the Criminal Code.

Because the Crown had to prove Zundel knew his publication was false, it had to prove the Holocaust occurred, which opened the door to Zundel to question it.

Griffiths said Ottawa is now studying the difficulty in prosecting hatemongers, adding he believes the word "wilfully" should be removed from section 281.2 of the Code and replaced with "knowingly."

That would mean the Crown would not have to prove the prime intent was to promote hate, only that the person accused knew hate would result.

During a question period, David Satok, chairman of the national joint community relations committee of CJC, said Congress did not initiate the prosecution of Zundel because it felt the prosecution might not succeed and that the risk of a failed prosecution outweighed the benefits.

Outgoing President Milton Harris, speaking from the floor, reminded the delegates that the risk in prosecuting Zundel doesn't appear great today. But harkening back to the trial itself, he recounted the anxiety and worry engendered by the trial.

"How would you feel if there had been an acquittal?" he asked.

Griffiths agreed "the risks in the trial were enormous. On more than one night I woke up sweating," he said.

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"We must be seen to be leaders"

Rose urges Jewish activism in social areas

The CJC Plenary

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

In order for Canadian society to remain healthy, the Jewish community must be the engine of social change, Alan Rose said at a plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress' 21st plenary assembly at L'Hotel.

"Jews will flourish if Canada has a healthy society," the executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress told delegates at the opening plenary session chaired by Donald Carr. "Jews throughout history have had the burden of caring for things that count. We must be seen to be leaders."

Rose said that while Jews in the past have fought for the right to be equal with other groups, this generation must now fight for the right to be different in Canada's multicultural society.

He praised the emergence of this type of society, saying that if it had existed 40 years ago in Canada, Jewish history might have been different.

"Canada is now a pluralistic, multicultural society where Jews have the opportunity to do great things," said Rose, who shared the podium at a session covering A Canadian Overview of Global Issues with Canadian ambassador to the United Nations Stephen Lewis. "It is the antithesis of the European countries we left behind," Rose added.

While Jewish society in Canada is flourishing today, Rose said there still exists "a dark side of the moon," which Canadian Jews have not properly addressed — namely Soviet Jewry.

"Their fate is in our hands," he maintained. "Everyone of us must do all we can to help."

Rose also touched on the plight of Syrian and Ethiopian Jews — the latter whom he said must be "spoken of with sealed lips."

Looking back over the past 40 years in both human and Jewish terms, Rose outlined the numerous events which have changed society from the Holocaust — the birth and growth of Israel and the enactment of human rights in Western countries.

Lewis gave an overview of his past 18 months as UN ambassador. At first fascinated and then surprised by the abuse heaped on the organization, Lewis said he learned the roots of the antagonism lay in the 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Since then, Lewis said, Israel has come a long way and that, although he abhors the resolution, any attempt to remove it would create further confrontations.

Looking at the period when the resolution was drafted — when Kurt Waldheim was secretary-general of the UN — Lewis said he doesn't believe it was the UN's fault it didn't uncover Waldheim's secret past.

"The world at that time didn't want to explore such questions," said Lewis, who was introduced by Judge Rosalie Abella. **"The early 70s was much too early to come to grips with the Holocaust."**

He said that the present secretary-general recently consulted with members of the War Crimes Commission to determine if new standards should be established relating to releasing evidence collected during the post-war period.

Lewis also said that despite the fact that the UN often seems full of hatred, it should be supported by the public as it does a lot of good.

Provincial and local politicians were on hand to bring greetings on behalf of their respective jurisdictions. They were introduced by Patricia Starr.

Lily Munro, Ontario minister of citizenship and culture, praised Jews for their contributions to all aspects of Ontario life and Canadian Jewish Congress for all its work.

"It is often said that Congress is the parliament of Canadian Jewry," said Munro, who read part of her greetings in Hebrew. **"Given the tremendous amount of work it has done, it can give lessons to parliaments around the world.**

"I'm proud of the part my ministry plays in your celebrations," she added.

Metro chairman Dennis Flynn reminded delegates that Metro Toronto has a lot to offer and praised the Jewish community as one of the greatest in the world.

Toronto councilor Fred Beavis said it has been a pleasure to deal with the Jewish community over the years.

The Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly was, from all appearances, also the occasion for a Liberal love-in. Seen here meeting with the Liberals is CJC honorary legal counsel Les Scheininger, centre, and from left are MP Sheila Finestone, Ontario Premier David Peterson, Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro and Ontario Housing Minister Alvin Curling. [Graphic Artists photo]

Wider involvement sought

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jews should become involved in more than just "Jewish" matters of social concern, a forum on social action and Canada's Jewish community concluded at the CJC plenary.

Canadian Jews have generally been cloistered and have turned their energies too much to issues solely of Jewish concern, participants, Sheila Finestone, Liberal MP for Mount-Royal, and Rabbi Dow Marmur of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple agreed.

In the social realm, that has meant too much Jewish navel-gazing and not enough community participation in wider matters like capital punishment, abortion, equality of women and minorities and "social justice" issues, they said.

Canada offers a strong history of social justice, even though there is still a great deal of racism, hate literature and discrimination, said Finestone, the shadow cabinet critic for the status of women and youth.

She said the Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees equality for all under the law and that future legislation, for example, cannot favor one religion over another in the area of store hours and Sunday shopping laws.

Section 15 of the Charter, Finestone said, is the "yardstick" by which social justice may be measured, especially for minorities, native people, women and the handicapped, who are still prevented from going into many buildings because of their inaccessibility, a form of discrimination.

"It was worth 55 years of struggle" to patriate and amend the British North America Act, she said.

"As Jews, we've seen both sides of the street. Sadly, we've suffered (from a lack) of social action."

Thus, Jews should get involved with issues such as deciding whether Sikhs have the right to wear their ceremonial turbans at all times. She commended the Jewish community for becoming involved in the issue of reparations to Japanese-Canadians for their internment and seizure of property during World War II.

"There is a moral imperative we get involved with the plight of Blacks" as well.

Jewish involvement in outside concerns often reap benefits for the community but she said even if they don't, Jews should still dedicate their energies.

"We should move out of the comfort of our Jewish setting. We need to help set the tone of the community and be its conscience."

Marmur drew justification for wider Jewish involvement in social justice issues from the Bible, because "our religious heritage favors the disadvantaged. Judaism obliges us to reach out in those of need beyond the confines of the Jewish community, but not at the expense of the Jewish community."

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Dedication to Jewish community

Kayfetz and Midanik receive Congress awards

The CJC Plenary

TORONTO — Two awards recognizing personal dedication to the Jewish community were presented to Ben Kayfetz and J. Sydney Midanik at the closing brunch of the Canadian Jewish Congress 21st plenary assembly.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson presented Kayfetz with the Samuel Bronfman Medal. The medal, struck in 1971 in honor of Samuel Bronfman's 80th birthday, is awarded to "men and women who, like Bronfman, exemplify service to Canada and the Jewish community."

Pearlson praised the award winner for being part of the "pioneering groups" and for his devotion to the Jewish community.

"He could sit with the highest officials of CJC and the next day be one of the boys," said Pearlson. "He bridged the gulf between the giants and the quiet men who implemented the dream."

Accepting the award, Kayfetz paid tribute to the Jewish leaders who gave him his "communal education," including Pearlson, Rose Wolfe and Judge Sydney Harris.

Kayfetz, a retired teacher, is married to the former Eva Silver and has three daughters and one granddaughter. He joined the staff of Canadian Jewish Congress in April 1947 as executive director and since the mid-1950s served also as national director of the joint public relations committee of CJC and B'nai B'rith Central Region. From 1972-79 he also served as executive director of CJC Central Region.

He is currently president of the Toronto Jewish Historical Society and is co-founder of a monthly Yiddish-speaking luncheon club.

Midanik was presented the Saul Hayes Humanitarian Award "for exemplary leadership and service in advancing the human rights of all Canadians" by outgoing CJC president Milton Harris.

Harris said it was appropriate to link the names of Saul Hayes and Sidney Midanik together as both were involved in fighting the cause of human rights.

"Hayes was the epitome of the Jewish heart," Harris said. "Midanik always represented bedrock principle and always brought to councils a deep feeling for people."

Midanik said he was honored to receive an award connected with Hayes.

Midanik, married with two children, is past president of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, former vice-president of the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs, former national secretary of CJC, former chairman of the community relations committee, CJC Central Region, and former chairman of the Hillel Advisory Committee at the University of Toronto.

He has also served as president of Upper Canada Lodge of B'nai B'rith and as secretary of Eastern Canadian Council of B'nai B'rith.

The Young Leadership Awards were also presented at the closing brunch. Bernard Finestone, immediate past chairman of CJC Quebec Region, presented the Brian A. Finestone Memorial Award to Hal Joffe, vice-president of the Calgary Jewish Community Council, and Max Grunberg, who was involved in arranging Per Anger's cross-country Canadian tour.

Sheila Finestone, MP for Mount Royal, presented the Monroe Abbey Award to Elayne Aber, a Montreal social worker, and Mark Rosen, a Halifax lawyer.

The young leadership awards are designed to recognize the efforts and potential of new Jewish leaders and defray a portion of the costs to allow them to attend CJC triennial plenaries.

J.R.

At the plenary assembly's awards ceremony (from left) J. Sydney Midanik receives the Saul Hayes Humanitarian Award from Milton Harris and Rabbi Jordan Pearlson presents Ben Kayfetz with the Samuel Bronfman Medal. [Graphic Artists photo]

For more coverage of the Plenary see next week's issue of The CJN

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Applications are invited from interested persons resident in the Canadian communities* twinned with the Project Renewal neighbourhood of Or Yehuda.

Applicants should be between 16 and 18 years of age, and have a keen interest in participating in a program designed to develop closer ties between Israeli and Canadian youth.

The itinerary will include a work-oriented program and tiyulim throughout Israel spent together with the youth of Or Yehuda.

The program will be partly subsidized, and there will be a selection procedure prior to participation.

For further information please contact Barney Harris/Eva Romeo, United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc., 4600 Bathurst Street, Suite 315, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V3. (416) 636-7655.

*Canadian communities twinned with Or Yehuda include Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Windsor and the small unfederated communities in Ontario and the Atlantic Region.

Organizations and People

Northern JCC celebrates its 25th anniversary

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Speeches, balloons, a tree-planting, cake and enthusiasm marked the recent 25th anniversary rededication of the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst St.

A small but happy group of Jewish Community Centre members and friends congregated in the courtyard of the centre recently and were welcomed by Alan Zender, chairman of the northern JCC management committee.

JCC president Bernard Kamin praised the "leadership, commitment, energy and enthusiasm" of those who had the vision to undertake the project in what was then a "field waist deep in weeds. The bus didn't even come past Sheppard. Now we are in the heart of the Jewish community."

Special mention was made of the late Samuel Granatstein, who, along with Barney Dales, Jack Kelman, Jacob Bailin, Wilfred Posluns and others were the driving force behind the move north in 1961 and subsequent improvements in the facilities.

Alex Fisher, a vice-president at the time of the original dedication and now honorary vice-president, gave a humorous account of the events leading up to that event, and awarded certificates to 75 of the northern JCC's original members.

Greetings from the government of Ontario were delivered by Monte Kwinter, minister of consumer and corporate affairs, who also gave "a personal mazel tov" for the centre's success and growth.

Kwinter, Kamin, Zender and Brownstein then planted a maple tree, as a permanent symbol of the occasion.

The formal ceremonies concluded with the release of 200 white balloons.

"We wanted to end with a flash!" explained Brownstein.

Cake and refreshments concluded the morning, giving an opportunity for many to exchange reminiscences.

Klirs to leave Winnipeg

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Rabbi Tracy Guren Klirs, the first woman to serve as spiritual leader of a Canadian congregation, will be leaving Winnipeg in July to assume a position with a synagogue in Odessa, Tex.

Klirs was installed as the rabbi at Temple Shalom, Manitoba's only Reform congregation, in September, 1984, soon after her ordination at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Although she described Winnipeg as having "an incredibly unique Jewish community, incredibly intense, varied and culturally rich," she and her family were unable to handle the climate.

"I'm leaving primarily for health reasons," she said. "I'm looking for warmer weather. I haven't been able to adjust to the winter cold."

Klirs' congregation had been expecting her departure. "She and her family suffered from lingering respiratory infections and we knew she missed her family in the States," said Reform congregation president Judy Huebner.

"We are grateful for her stay here," Huebner said. "The congregation has grown a lot, we have instituted a lot of new programs and drawn in a lot of people who weren't involved in Judaism before."

In addition to a warmer climate, Klirs' new posting offers her a more traditionally oriented congregation with members from both the Conservative and Reform movements.

"They maintain more of the traditional processes you find in a Conservative congregation," she said.

Temple Shalom is in the process of selecting a new rabbi to replace her.

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MIRIAM HERMAN

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Friday, May 16

A VIOLIN TRIO

On Friday, May 16, from 2-4 p.m., Bathurst Heights Library is screening A Violin Trio, three films taking their themes from the violin.

In the first, celebrated musician **Itzak Perlman** demonstrates his virtuosity and talks about his physical disability. In the second, the love of a violin brings an eccentric old man and two young boys together. The program winds up with a cartoon spoof of the old saying "to create great music the artist must suffer."

The library is located at 3170 Bathurst St.

Sunday, May 18

DON'T FORGET

Sunday, May 18, is the date for the 17th annual United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel and outdoor community-wide Festival of Festivals at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The walk begins at 7.30 a.m. from Bathurst-Sheppard Plaza. Come out and enjoy!

BREAKFAST MEETING

Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tallis and Tefillen Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, May 18, features guest speaker **Frank Dimant**, executive vice-president, B'nai B'rith Canada, who has just returned from at trip to South Africa. He will speak on International Dilemma for the Jewish Community.

Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10 and the speaker at 10.30.

Alderman Ben Nobleman is chairman and **Harry Goldstein** is co-chairman.

DINNER DANCE

Massada Chapter, Farband of Lithuanian Jews, is celebrating its 25th anniversary and the 38th Yom Ha'atzmaut with a dinner dance on Sunday, May 18, at Beth Radom Congregation, 18 Reiner Rd. **Matla Kavin** is chapter president.

For tickets at $25 per person, call **Reva Grossman** at 787-2387 or **Fay Gavendo** at 633-6741.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHILDREN?

Single parents and the Jewish community are invited to a panel discussion on What Happens to the Children? Is Joint Custody the Answer? Do Grandparents Have Rights? on Sunday, May 18, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Panelists include lawyer **Maureen Cooper**, single parents **Cheryl Kupfer** and **Ken Mandelbaum** and social worker **Nadine Mayers**. Moderator is teacher **Jerry Genesove**, who is coordinator of the program along with his wife **Sandra**. A question and answer period will follow.

Program is sponsored by the Entertainment and Cultural Connection. Admission is free for members, $2 for guests.

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

The Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library Book Discussion Club 1986 meets on Sunday, May 18, at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, Room 421, 4600 Bathurst St. **Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein**, executive director of the library, will discuss The Short Stories of Rabbi Nachman of Breslow.

Program is coordinated by **Nathan Garnick**. Admission including refreshments and social hour is $4 guests, $2 seniors and students. For information, call 635-2996.

BERGER HONORED

Israeli broadcaster Meira Bein (3rd from right) discussed the stages of terrorism in the Middle East and its escalation into a worldwide threat at an Israel Bonds Women's Division reception in honor of Woman of Valor honoree Gay Berger. With her from left to right are Sheila Rothman, Women's Division chairman; Rosemary Goldhar, hostess; Gay Berger; Judy Feld Carr, dinner co-chairman, and Andrea Fine, hostess. The tribute dinner is scheduled for June 4. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

At the largest United Israel Appeal campaign meeting ever held in St. Catharines, Robert Clary (3rd from left), star of Hogan's Heroes and other TV shows, spoke of his personal experiences of the Holocaust. Local UIA leadership attending the meeting were (left to right) Eleanor Lambert, co-chairman, Women's Division; Miles Hershberg, co-chairman, men's campaign; Judy Hershberg, co-chairman, women's campaign; David Shaprio, co-chairman, men's campaign, and Lazar Carta, campaign chairman.

Monday, May 19

RUMMAGE SALE & FLEA MARKET

On Monday, May 19, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is sponsoring a rummage and book sale along with a flea market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. (six blocks south of Sheppard, two blocks west of Bathurst).

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale presents Why Breastfeed Your Baby?, the first in a series of four monthly meetings, on Monday, May 19, at 8.15 p.m. at 24 Jessica Gardens, Thornhill (east of Bathurst, north of Clark).

Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information and support for breastfeeding.

For further information, call **Elaine** at 663-8003 or **Adrianne** at 665-4120.

Tuesday, May 20

LUNCH WITH LEARNING

Adath Israel Sisterhood has arranged a program geared specifically to women who have busy daytime schedules. Lunch With Learning begins with lunch at 11.45 a.m. followed by the lecture at 12.15 p.m., concluding at 1 p.m.

The date is Tuesday, May 20, and the speaker is **Dr. Claire Nunez-Vaz**, who will talk about The Concept of Wellness.

The fee is $3 Sisterhood members, $5 non-members. For reservations and/or information, call **Belle Starr** at 488-1792 or **Diane Papernick** at 731-3299.

CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

The Canadian Israeli Club, Aluma, will be showing a movie on Tuesday, May 20, at 7.30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre Fireside Lounge, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, contact **Ephraim Dloomy** at 449-7836.

On Sunday, May 25, club members are going on an all-day trip to London, Ont., leaving the Wagman Centre at 8 a.m. Call Ephraim Dloomy at above number.

SISTERHOOD DINNER MEETING

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood invites you to dinner and to enjoy the Chai Dancers from the Jewish Community Centre under the leadership of **Teme Kernerman** on Tuesday, May 20, at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the program will follow. Charge is $10 per person and guests are welcome. Reservations are necessary. Call 633-5500.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group continues its study of Trei Asar, the 12 prophets, on Tuesday, May 20, at 8.15 p.m. in the Associated Hebrew School boardroom, 3630 Bathurst St. The lecturer, **Prof. Martin Lockshin** will cover Jonah, Chapter 1-4. Everyone is welcome and bring a T'nach with you.

The study group is under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. Further information is available by calling 635-2883, ext. 151.

Wednesday, May 21

GALA AUCTION

The gala auction for the Holy Blossom Temple elevator fund is set for Wednesday, May 21, in the temple's Philip Smith Hall. The preview is at 7 p.m. and the auction at 8.

Auctioneer will be **Saul Wolfe** along with such guest auctioneers as political VIPs **Monte Kwinter, Larry Grossman** and **Bob Rae** plus **Al and Sara Waxman, Senator Jerry Grafstein, Harvey Atkin** and **Lenny Wise**.

Among the items up for bids will be return trips to Israel, and Fort Lauderdale, a Cartier watch, a ladies racoon-lined bomber jacket, a Wayne Clark dress, a $500 gift certificate from Ira Berg and more.

Admission is $10 per person, $100 per patron (including two admission tickets).

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

The Emil Gartner Lodge of the United Jewish Peoples Order is sponsoring its annual Celebration of Women on Wednesday, May 21, at 7.30 p.m. at 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

Guest speaker **Lynn Kaye**, southern Ontario representative for the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, will talk on Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value. Guest entertainer will be singer-songwriter **Arlene Mantle**.

Tickets are $3.50. Refreshments will be served. To reserve, call 789-5502 (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 1-3.30 p.m.) After hours, call 633-8528.

JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION

A Jewish Women's Federation outreach program is planned for Wednesday, May 21, at 7.30 p.m. at The Bradgate Arms, 465 Avenue Rd. Where Are We Going and How Are We Getting There? is the focus of the evening's program.

All women living in the downtown area are welcome. Couvert is $3 per person. Due to space limitations, please respond by Monday, May 19, to 635-2883, ext. 173.

TEHILLA MEETING

Tehilla, the organization for religious aliya, is holding a meeting on Wednesday, May 21, at 8.30 p.m. at 29 Elm Ridge Dr. The guest speaker will be **David Zegen**, representative for Canada of Bank Hapoalim. His topic — The Banking System in Israel and the New Oleh.

For more information, call **Sharon** at 781-2987.

ANOREXIA/BULIMIA GROUP

The regular monthly meeting of the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group of Metropolitan Toronto and area is taking place Wednesday, May 21, at 7.30 p.m. at Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 1. There will be a special speaker and all interested persons are invited to attend this informative meeting.

Thursday, May 22

DR. MENDELSOHN LECTURE

A lecture by **Dr. Robert Mendelsohn**, controversial figure and leading critic of modern medicine, is being sponsored by The Canadian Natural Hygiene Society, Toronto Chapter, on Thursday, May 22, at the Toronto Board of Education Building, auditorium, 6th floor, 155 College St. (corner McCaul).

For registration, book browsing and visiting, arrive at 7.30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 8.

For more information on monthly lectures, call 781-0359.

And What Else Is New...

HANDLING UNEMPLOYMENT

Handling Unemployment, sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, is a group program for people recently unemployed. It explores new ways of dealing with the stress, anger, depression and financial concerns of being unemployed by addressing such topics as self-esteem, effects on the family, re-energizing your job search, interview techniques, time management, community resources for unemployed persons, emotional support and more.

There will be eight sessions on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30 a.m. to noon, beginning Monday, May 26, at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. For further information, contact **Maureen Feder** at 638-7800, ext. 290.

BETH JACOB 100TH BIRTHDAY

Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton celebrates its 100th birthday this weekend.

Festivities begin with an Oneg Shabbat on Friday, May 16, featuring **Srul Glick** and his choir. On Saturday morning, the 17th, past bar and bat mitzvahs will be honored. Then on Sunday morning past presidents will be honored and the guest speaker will be **Elinor Caplan**. The celebration culminates Sunday evening with cocktails, dancing and entertainment ($50 per person, $25 tax receipt).

The synagogue is located at 375 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton. The phone number is 522-1351.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTRE

The Holocaust Education Memorial Centre, 4600 Bathurst St., is now open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4.30 p.m.;

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Thursday evenings from 7-9, and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

The documentary film, From Out of the Depths, is shown on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 and 3 p.m.; Thursdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at noon and 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

For information, call **Ruth Morrison** at 635-2883.

ART AUCTION

Art buffs and others will be interested in the art auction taking place Sunday, May 25, at Solel Congregation, 2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga (south of Hwy 403, west of Erin Mills). The preview of the works of more than 100 artists begins at 7.30 p.m. with the auction at 8.30.

The event is sponsored by Solel Brotherhood. Admission is $2 and there will be door prizes. For information and tickets, call 820-5915.

I LOVE ISRAEL BOND DAY

The London Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds, will hold an I Love Israel Bond Day tea on Sunday, May 25, at the home of **Dorothy Vaisler**, 1 Meadowdown Dr., London. Guest speaker will be **Ruhama Goldstein**, Women's Division national chairman.

WIDOWED TO WIDOWED

Widowed to Widowed, a discussion series offered by Jewish Family & Child Service, is open to people widowed less than two years. Topics will include coping with grief - the experience of loss, living alone, meeting new people, changing relationships, creating a different identity, and rebuilding your life and family.

The six sessions begin Wednesday, June 4, from 7.30-9 p.m. at JF & CS, at the Lipa Green Building, 6th floor, 4600 Bathurst St. The fee is $35 per person. Scholarships are available on request. For further information and to register, call 638-7800, ext. 290 and 292.

A TASTE OF RAMAH

Camp Ramah in Canada will be holding its first 1-week encampment at the campsite in Utterson, Ont., Aug. 21-28. The program includes land and water sports, Hebrew milieu, arts and crafts, a traditional Shabbat, kosher meals and more.

If you are entering grades 3-5 and would like a short but exciting camp experience, call the camp office at 789-2193.

MOVE-A-THON FOR PEACE

Shalom Disarmament invites members of the Jewish community to join it and 81 other groups of the Toronto Disarmament Network for a Move-a-thon for Peace on Sunday, May 25, meet at the water fountain in front of Toronto City Hall at 11.15 a.m.

Walk, run, bike, roller skate, jog, or whatever, through a number of designated streets in the downtown area. If you can get sponsors, all the better, but if not, come anyhow.

For information, call **Frieda** at 531-2905 or **Ben** at 782-7968.

INFANT PLAY GROUP

An infant play group for children 1-2 years of age and their mothers is being organized in the Bathurst-Glencairn area to meet 1-3 times a week to give the children a chance to play together and the mothers a chance to talk.

If you would like information, call **Adrienne Chajes** at 483-2810.

TOTAL HEALTH 86

TV personalities **Dr. Robert Mendelsohn** (the "medical heretic") and **Dr. Lendon Smith** ("the children's doctor") are headliners at Total Health 86, an all-day holistic health conference May 24, at the Royal York Hotel.

Tickets are $18 and may be obtained from BASS or Consumer Health Organization of Canada, 222-6517.

INTRODUCTION TO TECHNION

Canadian Technion Society is presenting a "fun-raising evening," Introduction to Technion, on Wednesday, June 25, at the Constellation Hotel, complete with cocktails, dinner and dancing.

Master of ceremonies will be **Harvey Atkin** with entertainment by the Spitfire Band. There will also be a draw for a trip to Israel for two.

Tickets may be obtained through the Technion office at 789-4545.

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Are you lonely? Need someone to talk with? Tel-Aide, the Jewish Distress Line volunteers are available to listen.

Phone listeners have had considerable training and are available most days, evenings and Sundays. Please call Tel-Aide at 636-9610.

The Jewish Distress Line is a call-in service only and is sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress.

PNAI MEETING

Notice for PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) members. Current mailing has the wrong date for the next meeting of the Toronto chapter. It will take place on Sunday, May 25, not June 25. The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Guest speaker will be **Jerome Stanleigh**, Israeli and Canadian lawyer, who will discuss Wills and Inheritance as it affects members' children living in Israel. Guests are welcome.

Anyone interested in more information about joining PNAI can call **Minabelle Haneford** at 633-5136.

GIANT BAZAAR

Shaar Shalom Sisterhood is running a giant bazaar at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, on Sunday, May 18, and Monday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will feature mostly new merchandise, raffles, snack bar and children's entertainment. Admission is free.

NCJW NEWLY MARRIED WOMEN

The date of the the second meeting of National Council of Jewish Women's group for newly married women in their 20s has been set for Monday, May 26.

The first get together was a success. Come join this group, meet new friends and become part of NCJW. For more information as to location and time of the May 26 meeting, call Council House at 633-5100 or **Lorraine** at 731-8551.

DANCE OF HOPE

The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario and Perignon TV Productions are presenting the Dance of Hope on Sunday, May 25, at Casa Loma. This black tie benefit event is dedicated to all people with disabilities. Proceeds will go towards research and expansion of services offered by the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario.

Tickets are $100 per person (large portion tax deductible). Call the association at 364-1871 72 for ticket locations.

members, $3 non-members. Call **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813 for more information.....A tennis and dance party is set for Sunday, May 18, at the JCC Valley. The time is 7-9 p.m. for tennis (bring your own equipment) and from 9 on for the dance. Refreshments are included in the admission of $4 for members, $6 non-members. For more information, call **Jodi** or **Sally** at 889-0813.

Come out to the **Beth Tikvah Chai Group's** fun and games night on Sunday, May 18, and get to know people in a relaxed atmosphere. The group will be playing Human Bingo, Dating Game and others. These informal events are pleasant because everyone gets involved and socializing becomes much easier. The time is 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, downstairs social hall, 3080 Bayview Ave. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $3 members, $5 non-members.

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Metro Toronto Singles is having a Singles Tribute to Winnipeg party on Tuesday, May 20, at 8.30 p.m. at Rooney's, 1365 Yonge St. (at Rosehill, two blocks south of St. Clair). Door prize is dinner for two. Cover is $6. Non-Winnipeggers are also invited. For information, call **Sid** at 222-7111.

Call 889-5101 for the **JCC Valley Singles Social Hotline** for 24-hour taped information on happenings in the Jewish singles community.

The last Meet Your Match party was overwhelmingly successful. Here's how it works — You complete a questionaire which is fed into a computer which produces up to five people in the room with whom you have been deemed suitable. Matches are then posted on a Beshert Bulletin and that's when the fun begins. There will be a disc jockey, good music and dancing. It's all happening Saturday, May 17, at 8 p.m. at the Parkview Club, northeast parking lot of the Inn on the Park (Leslie and Eglinton). Cover is $10. Call **High Society** at 446-1394.

Club Haifa (ages 23-45) invites you to come and enjoy the great sounds of **Archie** on Saturday, May 17, until 2 a.m. at the Mardi Gras Restaurant, 97 Cumberland Ave. Dress is casual but no jeans please. Cover charge is $3 and there is a cash bar. If you are interested in jazz, the Mardi Gras features it on Sundays from 7-11 p.m. There is no cover charge.

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The senior adult services department of the Jewish Community Centre, in cooperation with the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and the North York Board of Education continuing education department, is presenting Computers for Seniors, an 8-session beginners hands-on course. It begins Monday, June 2, from 3.45-5.30 p.m. at the Bernard Betel Creative Living Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Instruction is free and material charge is $5. Non-members under 65 are charged $16 for instruction, materials $5. Sign up now at the **JCC Good Age** office, Room 202. Registration is limited. For registration, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 234.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club continues to have exciting and fun-filled programs throughout the summer months. By popular request there will be another trip to the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills arranged for July 21-30. For further information, call **Lena Sugar** at 785-5773. Also, two day trips are planned — Artpark to see the musical Gypsy on Aug. 6 and Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake to see Girl Crazy Sept. 11. For reservations call Lena Sugar at above number or **Ruth Eknovitz** at 224-5923.

The **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** meeting on Tuesday, May 20, features the Chai dance group under the direction of **Teme Kernerman**. The time is 1.30 p.m. Refreshments and coffee are served. Everyone is welcome. Non-members are charged $1.50.

At the Wednesday, May 21, meeting of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni**, entertainment will be provided by the JCC Singers under the direction of **Esther Ghan Firestone**, accompanied by **Sara Barkin Sandler**. Meeting begins at 1.30 p.m.

Beth Sholom Seniors group meets on Wednesday, May 21, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Admission is $1 members, $2 non-members. For information, call **Eve Donsky**, publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

Jubilee Club 50 Plus is looking forward to seeing its members at a catered luncheon on Sunday, May 18, at 12.30 p.m. at 864 Sheppard Ave. W. For information, call 665-1768 or 636-5872 or 667-0599.

The **JCC Singers**, a choir of seniors affiliated with the Jewish Community Centre, welcomes new members. If you are interested in singing with the choir in seniors homes, hospitals and community events, just join the group at rehearsals on Thursdays from 9.30-11 a.m. at 4588 Bathurst St., Room 221. All voices are welcome and you need not read music. The next performance is Wednesday, May 21, at Holy Blossom Temple at 1.30 p.m. For enquiries, phone the president, **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468.

The **Senior Citizens Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance** is open five days a week Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. at 272 Codsell Ave. Everyone is welcome for a social afternoon of chess, discussions, cards and refreshments. **Jack Goldbach** is president of the club.....A special luncheon was held for Mother's Day on May 14 at the Borochov Centre.....The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. At the May 13 session, **Shoshana Israeli** of Israel introduced a discussion about Yom Ha'atzmaut.....Shuffleboard is held on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. A shuffleboard tournament is being arranged.....Three outings are planned for the summer — May 27 and 28, a 2-day trip to Ottawa to include a reception on Parliament Hill, and visits to the Tulip festival and the mint; June 24, a trip to Kingston by bus and then a 2-hour boat ride through the Thousand Islands, lunch and supper included, and a July trip, date not set yet, to the Catskills for one week to include transportation and all meals.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, May 20, for lunch and entertainment. If you are interested in the daily trips, be sure to come to the meeting which begins at noon at

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LEADERSHIP AWARD

Snowbirds Jack and Fay Finn of Toronto display State of Israel Bonds certificate of leadership awarded them for their efforts while vacationing in Miami Beach.

singles

DEADLINE CHANGE

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JCC Valley Singles Centre presents the third annual singles symposium, One is Also a Number, on Sunday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keynote speaker **Lynn Tribbling** will discuss The Art of Communication. Cost of $25 per person includes guest speakers, seminars, buffet lunch and wine and cheese party. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, call 889-0813.....JCC Valley Singles Centre sponsors a singles support group, meeting on a monthly basis, serving as a vehicle for discussion on such topics as relationships, loneliness, self-esteem, interpersonal communication and more. Speakers may be invited to certain sessions. All sessions are held at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The next meeting is Thursday, May 15. Admission is $2

FOSTER PARENTS NIGHT

The Jewish Family & Child Service 3rd annual Foster Parent Recognition Night held recently at the Lipa Green Building honored 26 foster parents who care for and foster children who are temporarily separated from their families. Shirley and Sy Feld, (centre) were honored for eight years of dedicated service as foster parents. Mrs. Feld is a former foster care coordinator for JF & CS. With them are Yale Drazin (left), president of JF & CS, who presented the Felds with a pewter kiddish cup, and Gordon Wolfe, executive director of the agency.

Organizations and People

Warren to host Jewish radio show

TORONTO —

Earl Warren, known for his news broadcasts on CFRB for 22 years, will be the host of a new 2-hour weekly *Sunday Jewish Showcase* that will make its debut on May 18 over radio station CKMW.

Earl Warren

The program will be aired each Sunday from 10 a.m. until noon.

Rabbi Harold Lerner will serve as a special weekly guest and Warren will do interviews with prominent Jewish personalities in the news.

Public service announcements will be welcomed on the show, which will be broadcast on 790 AM of the Brampton station, which is heard throughout Metro.

Students offered Israel internships

MONTREAL —

The North American Aliya Movement is sponsoring a 2-month internship program in Israel for students at college and post-graduate level this summer, the Israel Aliyah Centre reports.

The internship program offers students the opportunity to work in their chosen profession in Israel, alongside Israelis, six days a week, the centre said in a statement.

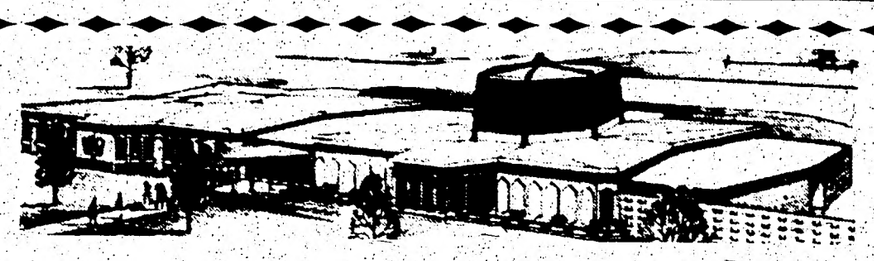
Tnuat Aliya and the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, responsible for the placements, try to place applicants in the field and location of their choice.

A stipend equivalent to $75 U.S. will be given after the first month and upon completion of the program, the centre states.

For an application and additional information, contact:

Haim Nirel, Israel Aliyah Centre, 1310 Greene Ave., Ste. 800, Montreal, H3Z 2B2. (514) 934-0804.

Aaron Abramovich, Israel Aliyah Centre, 111 Finch Ave. W. Ste. 355, Toronto M3J 2E5. (416) 665-7772.



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Procession starts from
Lissom Park at 1 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

What's New

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471 Lawrence Ave. W. For more information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is holding a spring dance on Saturday, May 17, from 8-11 p.m. at the Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). There will be a live band and a raffle and refreshments will be available. Admission is $3.50 members, $4 non-members. For further information, call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Thursday, May 22, the **Wagman Centre's** Joy of Theatre class will discuss The Blood Knot with director **Jeff Henry** at 8 p.m. at the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Then the group will be attending the play on Thursday, May 29, at 8 p.m. at 70 Berkley St. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271 to be put on the audience list.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Sunday afternoon program on May 18 features a movie at 2 p.m. Admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over, on your own will meet on Thursday, May 22, at 7.30 p.m. in the music room. There will be a representative from the Royal Ontario Museum to show slides on and discuss Toronto Now and Then. Come out and meet new friends.

at thejcc

The Jewish Community Centre and Maccabi of Canada are hosting the North American Maccabi Youth Games Aug. 15-21. It is anticipated that 2,500 youth, ages 12-16, from 11 countries will be participating. This is a unique opportunity for Jewish youth from all over the world to come together to share their heritage and culture. The most important ingredient will be the personal contact with the Toronto community. If you can house one of the young athletes, contact **Barbara Lampcov** at 636-1880, ext. 232.

At the Koffler Gallery, Koffler Centre of the Arts of the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., the Art of the Inuit film series continues on Thursday, May 22, with Legends and Life of the Inuit. The time is 12.30 p.m. and admission is free.

About People

HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

The Ontario minister of housing, **Alvin Curling**, recently announced that **Patricia Starr** has been appointed to the Metro Toronto Housing Authority. A prominent volunteer worker, she will serve as a provincial representative on the 13-member authority that manages Ontario Housing Corporation's assisted housing units in Metro Toronto.

OHC provides subsidized rental housing to lower income families, senior citizens and physically, developmentally and psychiatrically handicapped persons who are capable of living on their own.

HALIFAX LAWYER HONORED

Halifax lawyer **Lorne E. Rozovsky** was honored by the American College of Legal Medicine at a meeting held in Boston recently by being made an honorary fellow in the college.

The American College of Legal Medicine, which deals with the problems of the relationship of law and medicine, is made up of professionals in law, medicine and osteopathy and other allied sciences that are concerned with medical jurisprudence and forensic medicine.

Mr. Rozovsky, who practices law with the firm of Patterson Kitz, is also an adjunct associate professor of law and medicine and a lecturer in dentistry at Dalhousie University. Since being called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1967, he has worked exclusively in the field of health law and has written several books and articles on the subject.

Jack Carter

Dr. Michael Karplus

MAN OF THE YEAR BANQUET

Both **Dr. Michael Karplus**, director of neonatology at Soroka Medical Centre, Beersheba, Israel, and comedian **Jack Carter** will be featured at the **Harold Livergant** Man of the Year Kupat Holim banquet being held Wednesday, May 21, at the Inn on the Park.

Kupat Holim is building the Harold and Linda Livergant Neo-natal Wing at the Soroka Medical Centre and on completion of this wing, Dr. Karplus will assume the duties of director. In addition to being guest speaker at the banquet, he will bring with him a specially prepared scroll to present to the honoree.

Jack Carter, star of stage, screen and TV, is one of the top entertainers in Las Vegas today and will be coming directly from his night club act there to appear at the Toronto affair.

Michael Burns and **Sidney Liswood** are co-chairman of the banquet.

BRUNCH RALLY

Chaim Finkelstein, director of Bet Reshonay Poale Zion in Tel Aviv will be the guest of the Farband Labor Zionist Alliance and the Labor Zionist Movement in Toronto for the week of May 22-27.

Chaim Finkelstein

Chaim Finkelstein was born in Brestlitovsk and emigrated to Buenos Aires in 1930 where he established the Ber Borchov Jewish Secular Schools and became active in the Poale Zion Movement. He also became involved in the Sholom Aleichem Schools and was secretary of the Pedagogical Council of Buenos Aires.

Settling in Israel in 1968, he became secretary of the Jewish educational department of the World Zionist Organization. Presently he is chairman of Bet Reshonay, the House of the Founders of Poale Zion in Tel Aviv.

A brunch is being held in his honor on Sunday morning, May 25, at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. He will be speaking on Ben-Gurion's 100th anniversary.

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"One of best kept secrets in town"

JF&CS outreach program hopes to raise profile

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
In order to raise its profile in the community, Jewish Family & Child Service has instituted an outreach program, reports Yale Drazin, president of the agency.

"For years we were one of the best kept secrets in town," Drazin said at the recent 118th annual meeting of JF & CS at the Lipa Green Building.

Presenting the president's report, Drazin, who begins his second year as president, said that while the past few years has been a period of introspection for JF & CS with operational reviews being conducted, it was time to get on with the necessary work.

"We confirmed that JF & CS has what it needs to do the job," said Drazin, a health care planner.

He said the outreach will involve a series of fund raising, educational and public awareness programs designed to raise the level of awareness of JF & CS in the community, to promote volunteerism, to provide the community with a greater understanding of the issues affecting JF & CS and to aid in the development of new resources.

To help with the latter, Drazin said a special trust fund has been established. As well, a series of articles dealing with the issues affecting JF & CS will appear in The Canadian Jewish News in the coming months, he added.

Newly elected vice-president Lorne Wolfson, 1986 Friends campaign chairman, reviewed the past successes of the Friends of JF & CS drive which began in 1984. Wolfson stressed the importance of bringing more Friends into the agency and raising additional funds to meet the increased demands on JF & CS.

To keep up with the growing demands, Wolfson said JF & CS would like to develop a number of programs. These include a teen suicide prevention, a parenting centre to serve as a resource to families, respite care for parents of developmentally handicapped children and additional services for the well elderly.

Volunteers needed for 1986 campaign

In 1985 JF & CS handled 2,800 cases — a 10% increase over 1984 — with increases in services to the elderly and single parents.

He said that volunteers will be needed to assist in the 86 campaign. On May 15, over 5,000 letters will be mailed to the community and there will be a telethon during the evenings of June 1-3.

"If JF & CS is to continue to be a leader in the community, we need your help," Wolfson said, calling for volunteers to help out at both events.

Gordon Wolfe, executive director of JF & CS, outlined the changes he has witnessed in the Jewish social services network in the past 25 years and called for "new strategies" to cope with the changes.

In the past year, JF & CS started a variety of new ventures including opening the Elm Ridge Group Residence for senior citizens, implementing a special project with the Board of Jewish Education on child abuse, providing support staff for a self help group for battered women and expanding the family life education program, Wolfe said.

Vice-president Marshall Kesten presented the financial report saying that while JF & CS finished 1985 in a breakeven position, the agency's budget continues to be stretched and that any savings realized were a one-time measure.

In a highly partisan speech, guest speaker Elinor Caplan, chairman of management board and minister of provincial government services, discussed her personal and professional history and praised JF & CS for its efforts in helping the Jewish community.

"The unique programs you provide service the entire community, not just children," she said.

Caplan said that with all the changes society is undergoing, it is not surprising many people can't cope. The result, she said, is an increase in drug abuse, suicide and violence.

"Who would have ever believed it in a Jewish society? We require strength and determination to overcome the challenges being presented.

"The aim of this government is to strengthen the local community to accomplish this," she added.

Caplan also said she was honored to join the "distinguished list of Jewish politicians and political aides who have served Ontario and Canada including Allan and Larry Grossman, David Rotenberg, Monte Kwinter, Senator David Croll, J.B. Salsberg, Stuart Smith, David and Stephen Lewis, David Barrett, Hugh Segal and Hersh Ezrin.

"Our culture is based on the collective 'we' and we see political participation as a natural extension of community involvement," Caplan said.

As well as Drazin, other members of the board of directors for 1986-87 include David Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Clifford Hendler, Dr. Eugene Jurkowitz, Robert Parker, Marshall Kesten, Elaine Lightstone, Dr. Joel Sadavoy, David Sadowski, David Shainhouse, Toni Silberman, Gerald Slan, Tracey Tremayne-Lloyd and Harriet Wolman.

For information on the Friends campaign call Shirley Worth at 638-7800 ext. 254.

Present at the recent annual meeting of Jewish Family & Child Service was (from left) Elinor Caplan, Ontario minister of government services, Yale Drazin, president of JF & CS, and Gordon Wolfe, executive director.

Yom Ha'atzmaut tie seen at the UJA Walk for Israel

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
The Yom Ha'atzmaut connection with this year's United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel on Sunday, May 18, will be apparent through the designations of the nine checkpoints along the route, beginning with Theodor Herzl, the founding father of Zionism.

The other eight are to be named for each of Israel's prime ministers — from David Ben-Gurion, Moshe Sharett, Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Menachem Begin to Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres.

The route — same as last year's — begins at the Bathurst-Sheppard Plaza and winds up at the north branch Jewish Community Centre, the site for a community-wide Festival of Festivals which gets under way at 11 a.m. and continues to until 4 p.m.

Through the courtesy of El Al, a round-trip ticket to Israel will be the grand prize for the day. All participants who hand in a minimum $50 in sponsor money at the first checkpoint, will be eligible for the draw which will be held several weeks after the walk.

There will be many attractions along the 18-km. route — drinks and other goodies, as well as familiar cartoon characters for the benefit of the younger set, and still-to-be-confirmed sports celebrities.

The most ambitious part of the daylong event will be the Festival of Festivals to which the entire Jewish community is invited. Sponsored by Mazola Corn Oil, activities and attractions will be wide-ranging in their appeal to all ages.

A committee, headed by Gloria Clamen and Cheryl Halberstadt, has been meeting regularly for the past few months, planning and mapping logistics for the many components "that will make this year's UJA Festival of Festivals the largest outdoor Jewish community happening in the 17-year history of the walk," say UJA officials.

For the first time, a marketplace will be a feature attraction, along with carnival rides and a petting zoo for children, food and entertainment for everyone.

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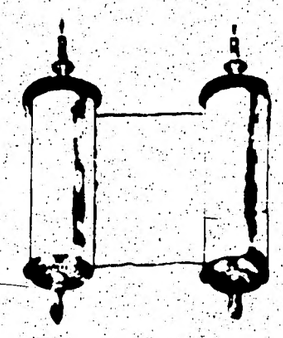

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Emor

It's not easy being a leader. You have to know how to mix with the people — but not get lost among them.

The rabbi of Poen heard reports that a town shochet (ritual slaughterer) did not know the proper laws of killing animals. He summoned the man to him and found out that indeed — he was an ignoramous.

"How long are you a shochet?" he asked. "Three years," answered the man.

"And what did you do before?"

"I was a baker."

"You know, to be a baker one also has to know the Jewish law — removing the 'challah.' "

"Whatever you say," agreed the flustered man.

"Well, study well," advised the rabbi, "and I will give you semicha (ordination) — to be a baker wherever you wish. . . ."

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In ancient days, the priests were the leaders — the teachers.

Command the Almighty: "Emor el hakohanim bnai Aharon! (speak to the priest, the sons of Aaron!) Linefesh lo yitamoh! (To any soul should he not become impure among his people!")

What was the command? It taught a leader what his obligations are:

Speak to the priests and tell them — you are the sons of Aaron!

Know that you are the leaders! You can't say one thing and so another. Your standards cannot be like others. The people look up to you — and you have to make a kiddush Hashem (sanctify God's name) every act you do!

* * *

But how should a rabbi, a leader, a teacher conduct himself?

Linefesh lo yitamoh! (Do not become impure).

Explain Reb Israel of Tchotkov — it is a promise. . . . There are Jewish leaders who truly love their people. They work not for pride, for money, for politics — but because they love every Jewish neshama.

They reach out, they reach down, they float in places and wear disguises that brings them down to the lowest corners. To touch, to reach, to bring up, to unloosen, to give life. . . .

One neshama reaches out to the other — but wait! Maybe the soul of the tzaddik will become impure. Maybe he will stain himself?

The Almighty promised — linefesh lo yitamoh! He will not become impure, but the lower he reaches, the higher his neshama will fly. . . .

Imi anochee bitzoroh! I am together with every Jew in his greatest tzorus, promise the Almighty. And so must every Jew care for another. . . .

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We are what we make ourselves. A certain Jew boasted how he was an "ainekel" (grandchild) of a great tzaddik.

Said one wag: "You know why Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are called the 'avot' — the fathers? Because none of them wanted to be considered 'aineklech' — grandchildren."

May God grant us blessed children and grandchildren — easy as aleph-bet. Shabbat Shalom.

Dora Till honored

New Baycrest praised by patient

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Charlotte Long, although sick and elderly is feeling a lot better these days. She is one of the many patients in the new $60 million Baycrest Hospital and says: "I felt better from the first day I moved in here last month."

Part of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care that includes the Jewish Home for the Aged, Baycrest Terrace, Baycrest Daycare Service and the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, the new hospital offers a complete range of in-patient, out-patient, day hospital and assessment services for the elderly.

At the recent opening ceremonies held in the hospital's large, airy atrium, Long explained that such luxuries as "low windows that open easily and comfortable chairs in each room combined with the wonderful care we get helps us feel better a lot quicker."

Premier David Peterson told the happy crowd of several hundred that "one measure of what a community thinks of itself is how it treats its senior citizens. One of our greatest social challenges is to treat the elderly with sensitivity and respect."

The premier, who received a plaque in honor of the $32 million the Ontario government donated to the 300-bed hospital, chuckled and said "just guarantee me a bed."

Abe Posluns, honorary chairman of the Baycrest board of directors, praised the hospital's founders and said that "we stand taller on their shoulders."

Posluns made special mention of Dora Till, a white haired lady in her 90s who was the founding president of the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary. "We are delighted to have with us today this woman — a woman who has been involved in every phase of Baycrest."

In honor of Till, who was one of Baycrest's first volunteers in 1949, five years before the first 150-bed Baycrest Hospital was opened, the board of directors named the 7th floor in her name.

"There are no words. It is a reality for the people who need it to be treated with tender and loving care," Till said after the ceremony.

Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn, whose council contributed $2 million, said that he was "filled with a strong feeling of humility when I see such an endeavor. This place is surrounded and made up of the love of the Jewish community."

Among other guests were North York Mayor Mel Lastman, who presented a check for $1.2 million, part of the city's $9.3 contribution; Senator David Croll; Ontario cabinet ministers Elinor Caplan and Monte Kwinter, and MP Roland de Corneille.

Special guests were Ben and Hilda Katz who donated $3 million to the hospital's building fund and after whom the building has been named.

Premier David Peterson cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Baycrest Hospital. Assisting the premier are: (left to right) Norman Schipper, chairman of the board of directors of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care; Fred Karp, president, Baycrest Centre; North York Mayor Mel Lastman; Premier Peterson; Metro Chairman C. Dennis Flynn; Hilda and Ben Katz.

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A Reporter's Notebook

Canadian Weizmann Leaguers enjoy fun evening

By
FRANK RASKY

Posing in front of a 1931 Avon sports car auctioned off for $7,000 are Canadian Weizmann League executives Collin Craig (left) with his wife Marion, and Florence Minz Geneen with her husband, David Geneen. [Graphic Artists photo]

TORONTO —

In his very brief speech, Collin Craig set the tone of the evening.

"It's not an evening of speeches," he said. "It's an evening of fun."

More precisely, it was a magical evening of fun and fund raising.

Craig is president of the Canadian Weizmann League, a group of upwardly mobile Torontonians mainly in their 30s. They get together socially to raise funds by means other than direct solicitation as a branch of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

More than 300 of them got together recently for a $250-per-couple, blacktie dinner dance and auction at the Royal York Hotel's Concert Hall and successfully raised $100,000.

The money will help finance research in children's diseases being conducted by scientists at the 52-year-old Weizmann Institute at Rehovot, midway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

The theme of the evening was magic as promised in the invitations: "Remember the children through — the magic of spring."

Indeed, the decor and entertainment were all splendidly magical, coordinated by **Marion Craig** and **Lorraine Loeb**.

Guests were greeted by a corps of 17 children, costumed and faces painted to look like miniature Houdinis.

Each table setting, designed by **Van Veltrame** of Flowers By Van of Eglinton Ave., was magical, too. The centre piece consisted of magenta and white Caesar orchids and doves on red sticks emerging from a black silky top hat nestling amid Black Magic chocolate boxes.

The menu, created by Toronto Sun food columnist **Lucy Waverman**, was likewise magical in its motif. It included asparagus hocus pocus, red snapper Houdini, assorted vegetables in a hat, and disappearing chocolate truffle cake.

While consuming these delicacies, guests at each table were entertained by strolling magicians performing card tricks.

Later, the guests oo-ooed and ah-ahed at the feats of legerdemain performed by professional troupers from the *A Little Night Magic* show, which has been running for the past three years at Harper's Restaurant on Lombard St. The tricksters juggled flaming torches and, in a piece of wondrous sleight of hand, restored intact an entire Toronto Star which had been torn to shreds.

In a ballroom setting of bobbing black and white balloons and Noma lights twinkling against a silhouette backdrop of downtown Toronto, guests danced throughout the evening to golden oldies like *Chattanooga Choo Choo* and the latest disco rock hits as played by **Paul Mathew** and his 6-piece society band.

But the greatest excitement of the evening was provided by auctioneer **Ira Hopmeyer** as he auctioned off under the hammer a variety of prizes estimated to be worth a total of $60,000.

Fetching the evening's top bid of $7,000 was a fire engine-red 1931 English Avon touring coupe, one of the only five such sports cars in the world, donated by **Martin Silver**, owner of the Bauhaus Furniture Co.

Another rare prize was the $4,000 bronze-colored Checker limousine of vintage 1979 donated by **Jimmy Kay**, the Dylex Limited chairman, who is also chairman of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.

A 1959 Jaguar sedan, handsomely furnished inside with wood and leather and donated by land developer **David Kosoy**, fetched $3,500.

There were a lot of fun prizes, including a 6-foot-long salami donated by Chicago 58 Food Products and dinner for two at **Yitz's Restaurant** that went for $900.

Probably the most glittering prize was a Piaget watch, with gold bracelet and gold hands, donated by **European Jewellery**. Valued at $8,500, it fetched $3,750.

In between making their bids, the guests talked about matters both serious and frivolous. Here are some gleaned in this Reporter's Notebook:

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Many of the guests were talking about their plans to travel to Israel, despite the recent rash of headlines about terrorism which has cut into overseas tourism.

Among those not bothered by the hysteria were newly married **David and Florence Geneen**. He's the 38-year-old president of Toronto's Downtown Mazda auto dealership who served as the evening's auction chairman. She's the stunning 34-year-old brunette, who heads the management consultant firm of Florence Minz Associates.

Both are equally enthusiastic about their plans to visit Israel next year and make a tour of the facilities at the Weizmann Institute.

"Why am I so involved in the work of the Weizmann Institute?" said David Geneen. "Because I admire the purity of its scientists, who have given Israel a leading edge in the world of science.

"I guess I admire them because I never did get through high school, and I'm no intellectual. All the brainy scientists can do is think. All I can do is raise money to help them. You just do the best you can with what you have."

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Tom Beck, chairman of Noma Industries Limited and new president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann, was looking forward to visiting Israel in November with his wife, **Mary**.

"I feel more secure in Israel than I do in most European countries," he said. "As usual, Mary and I expect to have a very safe trip and a very good time."

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Jimmy Kay, the breezy board chairman of the Dylex Limited fashion apparel chain, and his gorgeously attired wife, **Elaine**, had no qualms whatsoever about flying via El Al last week to Israel.

"I feel absolutely safe aboard El Al," said Mary. "But to be frank about it, I cancelled my plans to go to Paris, because of my fear of terrorism. I'd also be hesitant to fly to any European country near the Soviet Union, because I'm worried about nuclear fallout."

"You'd have to be foolish not to be concerned about the threat of terrorism," said her husband. "But I've been going to Israel for 35 years, and it's probably safer now than any other country in the Middle East."

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Probably the most radiant-looking guest present was **Irit Strauss Koffler**, the Israel-born, 24-year-old wife of **Leon Koffler**, president of the Super-Pharm chain in Israel. She was here visiting her Toronto in-laws, **Murray and Marvelle Koffler**, the distinguished Jewish community leaders.

Blushing slightly, the dark-haired Sabra offered this reason for her radiant appearance: "I'm expecting our first child within two weeks. If a woman in my state doesn't look happy now, she never will."

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Eloquent statement

Though no formal speeches were made, the evening's most eloquent statement came from **Leo Perkell**, the Toronto developer who is sponsoring a multi-million dollar Perkell Family Building in the new Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research on the Rehovot campus.

In the auction program, Perkell quoted this moving declaration from Edmund Fleg's poem, *Why I Am A Jew*:

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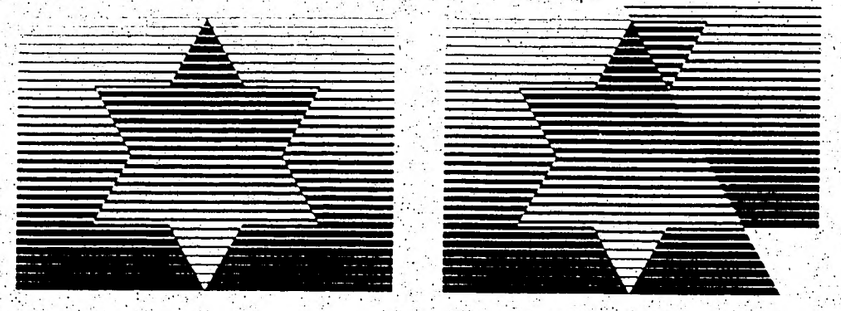

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Organizations and People

Rebbitzen called "a teacher's teacher"

Shaarei Shomayim to present family life series

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Women in Toronto will have an opportunity to attend a series of programs on Jewish family life by renowned teacher and lecturer, Rebbitzen Esther Greenberg of Petach Tikvah, Israel.

Beatrice Hoschander, wife of Rabbi Henry Hoschander, spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, is co-chairing the nine seminars with Racquella Reichmann.

Hoschander says that Greenberg has lectured in Israel, Europe and the United States. "She has helped enrich the lives and marital happiness of women of all ages."

Described by Hoschander as a "teachers' teacher," the rebbitzen will open her visit on Sunday, May 18 at 8 p.m. at the Inn on the Park. Her lecture is titled, A Woman, A Home, A People. The cost for the evening is $3 and there will be a draw for a trip to Israel.

Greenberg will present eight more seminars for women at The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre at 55 Ameer Ave., all at 8 p.m. on May 19, 21, 25, 27, 28, June 1, 3 and 4. There is no charge for these lectures.

The rebbitzen, a graduate of Gateshead Seminary in London, England, is the granddaughter of the Magid of Minsk (scholarly lecturer).

"She enhances lives with halachic and psychological approaches in human relations and Jewish family life, particularly when she deals with Taharas Hamishpacha (family purity) in building a happy home," says Reichmann.

Greenberg taught at the Avigda Primary School in London and began to work in the fields of guidance and counseling more than 10 years ago in Israel where she resides with her family.

She has received numerous requests for group seminars and individual counseling and established a successful School for Brides.

The Toronto Seminars will include such topics as Passport to Happiness, Creating Harmony in the Home, Communication, Effective Time and Home Management, "And you shall teach it to your children," and Your Emotional IQ.

While in Toronto, Greenberg will also schedule individual marriage counseling sessions on request.

The rebbitzen's lecture series is sponsored by The Va'ad HaRabanim of Greater Toronto, the Meginei Chana and the Orthodox synagogues of Toronto.

Progress planners on the lecture steering committee are, Sheba Berkowitz, Esther Gerendasi, Miriam Hendler, Sultana Makkar, Rachel Leah Rosenthal, Leah Stern, Suri Sussman, Phyllis Weinberg and Esther Weinstock.

For further information on Greenberg's seminar series and counseling call (416) 789-5705, 783-0071 or 783-9808.

Services held for Alan Borden at Holy Blossom

TORONTO —

Funeral services were held recently at the Holy Blossom Temple for Alan Borden, immediate past national president of B'nai B'rith Canada. He was 44.

An accountant by profession and president of his own real estate company, Borden was one of the youngest national presidents of BB.

Alan Borden

"The entire organization is devastated by the loss of one of its brightest and most dynamic young leaders," stated Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of BB.

Borden was instrumental in developing the Jerusalem Pavilion at Metro International Caravan and in bringing the B'nai B'rith Foundation to "its greatest heights," Dimant said.

Under his direction the 1st BB Canada Mother and Child Health Care Clinic was constructed in Tel Aviv. He also served as Israel commissioner for B'nai B'rith International.

In 1981, Borden was awarded the prestigious Label A. Katz BB International Young Leadership Award and in 1982 he served as arrangements chairman for the first BB International Convention held in Canada.

"Alan Borden's dedication to the organization knew no limits," said Dimant. "He was a great friend, a great person and would have given much to Canadian society had he been granted more years to live."

Borden began his career in BB serving as a member in Viceroy Reading Lodge in Hamilton where he became president. Rising quickly through the organization, he became national president for 1984-85.

He also served as a life member of the Men's Service Group, Bayerest Hospital, on the national executive of the Canada-Israel Committee, as a member of Toronto Jewish Congress and on the board of directors of the Holy Blossom Temple.

He is survived by his wife Betsy, daughters Samantha, 6, Lindsay, 5, his parents Harvey and Ruth Borden, his sister Gloria Wunder and brother Dr. Barry Borden.

Protest planned for Soviet Jewry

TORONTO —

As The CJN goes to press, the Jewish Student's Network Caravan for Soviet Jewry is just pulling into Toronto (May 15) for a demonstration at 8 p.m. at Queen's Park.

The Caravan which left Halifax on May 11 is headed across Canada to Vancouver. Supported by Canadian Jewish Congress nationally and in the local communities, the purpose of the caravan is to raise consciousness and support for Jews in the Soviet Union.

To that end the students want everyone to rally with them at Queen's Park. For more information contact Mike Zeldman at 928-9160.

Complete coverage of the Caravan for Soviet Jewry's cross-Canada tour will follow in future editions of The CJN.

Celebrity guests add to Sisterhood's auction

TORONTO —

Celebrity guest auctioneers Senator Jerry Grafstein, Ontario Tory leader Larry Grossman, NDP head Bob Rae and actor Al Waxman will add to the excitement at Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood's Gala Auction at 7 p.m. May 21.

Proceeds of the auction will go to the temple's fund for an elevator which will provide easier accessibility to the upper floors for the handicapped and senior citizens.

Ninety-eight percent of the items were donated by temple members including goods and services in such categories as trips, fashion, art, jewelry, recreation and household. Just a few of the items are:

- A Economy return fare to Israel, courtesy of Aufgang Travel.
- Two return fares to Ft. Lauderdale, courtesy of Treasure Tours.
- A $975 Cartier "Tank" watch, courtesy of le must de Cartier Canada.
- A $600 Wayne Clarkson dress, courtesy of Aline Mirelle.

There will be a special preview (between 7 and 8 p.m.) of all the items to be auctioned. During this time a musical interlude will be provided by Ted Lebow, Gillian Gardner and Alan Friedman. The event will also include door prizes and a raffle.

Admission is $10 per person. For further information contact Melville Olsberg at 789-3291.

CARE looking for recipients

OTTAWA —

CARE Canada, the international aid and development organization, which celebrated its 40th anniversary on May 11, is looking for former recipients of CARE packages who may now be Canadian citizens.

Thomas Kines, CARE Canada's executive director says: "We would like to get in touch with as many of these people as we can, so we can share memories with them and they can help us mark the beginning of CARE's 5th decade."

It was back in 1946 when the first CARE food package arrived in Le Havre, France. Concerned North Americans had formed a cooperative of more than 20 agencies to consolidate their efforts to meet the needs of war victims all over Europe. This was how the famous "CARE package" — for which a donor paid $15 — was born.

The term CARE package remains in people's vocabulary today, even though the original article has long become extinct. It represents a gift generously given to someone in need. The CARE package was discontinued 20 years ago, as the variety and scope of CARE's response increased to meet the current needs of people in developing countries.

It has been replaced by programs that benefit entire communities — feeding 22 million people a year and helping them build schools, health clinics, roads and water systems and develop small industries and agriculture.

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Organizations and People

Must be confronted, says Stevenson

Anti-Jewish hate propaganda linked to terrorism

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A correlation exists between anti-Jewish hate propaganda and the incidents of terrorism directed against Israel, journalist and author William Stevenson said recently.

And like home grown messages of hate, they must be confronted and countered at all turns, Stevenson told a Yom Hashoa commemoration meeting at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Stevenson, who joined crown prosecutor Peter Griffiths and Holocaust survivor Sabina Citron as featured speakers of the program, argued that a head-in-the-sand approach would fail to expose the hatred against Jews that exists in Canada.

Better to "drag it into the open," Stevenson said. "That forces people who are not Jews to consider the kind of hatred that simmers just below the surface."

Citron, co-chairwoman of the Canadian Holocaust Rememberance Association, told the jam-packed audience of about 500 that the trials of publisher Ernst Zundel and former teacher Jim Keegstra exposed anti-semitism in Canada and showed the scope and purpose of anti-semitic propaganda.

Tracing the history of anti-semitism, Citron noted it receded following exposure of the Holocaust, but that 41 years later it's "easier to exploit" latent anti-semitism in our society."

For many, concerns raised about anti-semitic propaganda "fell on deaf ears" while for others the issue was "too painful to deal with."

Yet others practiced "avoidance, thinking the problem would go away." Turning to the ongoing question of the prosecution in New Brunswick of Malcolm Ross, Citron said she believed "fear of an anti-semitic backlash" is hampering efforts to prosecute him.

Griffiths, the assistant crown attorney who successfully prosecuted Zundel, agreed there is a need to prosecute hate mongers — "that's why we have the law we have."

He noted the right to free speech is not an absolute right in Canada and he dismissed Zundel's claims he received $1 million in free publicity as a result of the trial.

"I would suggest that's a red herring Mr. Zundel lays across the trail to put honest people off the track," Griffiths stated. "Helmut Buxbaum (convicted of arranging the murder of his wife) has lots of free publicity and he doesn't like it. Zundel's free publicity is that of a hatemonger and a liar. He's welcome to it."

Turning to the ramifications of the Zundel trial, Griffiths argued the publicity surrounding it contributed in some measure to the push to establish the Deschenes Commission (which is investigating what can be done against Nazi war criminals in Canada) since the trial showed neo-Nazis active in Canada.

A second result of the trial was the amendment of customs and excise law to prevent the influx into Canada of hate propaganda. Prior to those amendments, Griffiths said, hate material was lumped in with material defined as "indecent."

There are now clearer guidelines for customs officers, he said, and all material from the Institute of Historical Review (often cited by both Zundel and Keegstra as contributing to the formation of their opinions) and the Holocaust-denying book, The Hoax of the Twentieth Century, are prevented from being imported into the country.

Stevenson, who has written for all three Toronto dailies and who authored A Man Called Intrepid, said the problem of anti-semitism is complex and still exists in Germany.

Pointing to recent war crimes trials in Dusseldorf, West Germany, which have continued with little fanfare since the Nuremberg trials of 1948, Stevenson said "small-fry Nazis" were recently tried for their conduct in death camps in Poland.

The atmosphere was a complete reversal of what one could expect, he said. "Jewish witnesses were being cross-examined as if they had committed the crimes." To the sound of gasps from the audience, Stevenson said some were asked how they could distinguish between the smell of burning flesh from the crematoria and the smell of meat roasting in the cookhouse.

Under that sort of questionning, some witnesses fainted and defence lawyers claimed Jews again were using the old tactic of weeping and wailing, Stevenson recounted.

"A low intensity sort of hate that doesn't get into the papers" persists, he said. He applauded Citron for laying the charge that led to the prosecution of Zundel, saying "you must challenge hate when it comes up."

Stevenson said hate propaganda is directed against Israel from Arab countries, noting the case of the number 2 man to Joseph Goebbels in the Nazi propaganda machine. He was recruited by the Egyptians during the Nasser years.

Listening to Egyptian propaganda was like listening to Nazi propaganda at the height of World War II, Stevenson said. He drew a connection between that sort of "Hitlerite propaganda" and subsequent attacks on Israel and terrorism.

There is a hatred below the surface now expressed by terrorism, he said, adding the Nazi propagandist was never removed, to the best of his knowledge.

The Holocaust commemoration was co-sponsored by the Beth Tikvah and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association. Lawyer Irwin Fefergrad, a member of the synagogue's board of directors and executive, chaired the program, one of two to commemorate the Holocaust over a 2-day span.

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Seen at the recent Community Commemoration of the Holocaust are narrators and readers (from left) Harvey Atkin, Gloria Valentine, Al Waxman, Vivian Reis, Eda Zimler-Schiff and Allen Farkas. [Graphic Artists photo]

Community Commemoration

6 million are remembered

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

It was a day of despair for the past and hope for the future — a day in which Europe's 6 million Jewish martyrs were remembered for their suffering and their bravery.

At the annual Toronto Jewish Congress-sponsored Community Commemoration of the Holocaust held recently at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, hundreds of Toronto Jews gathered to pay tribute to their brethren murdered by the Nazis.

"On this day we should remember those of our brethren who have carried the yellow star to the gas chambers. This is the badge of honor of the Jewish people, the link with our history," Gideon Saguy, Israel's consul-general told the solemn crowd.

To reflect the spirit of European Jews in camps and ghettos, members of the Friends of Yiddish including Harvey Atkin, Gloria Valentine, Eda Zimler-Schiff and Allen Farkas and narrators Al Waxman and Vivian Reis presented the prose, poetry and song produced by the Holocaust victims.

The works ranged from an anonymous poem about a heartbroken little boy asking his mother what happened to the rest of the family to a hopeful song by Hersh Glick who said that "the early morning sun will brighten our day and yesterday with our foe will fade away."

"I wouldn't be a Jew if I would not on this day sound a note of hope. The hope of 2,000 years, the fulfilment of which is the state of Israel," said Saguy.

He added that despite all the "trials and tribulations we as Jews have gone through in the past 2,000 years, we still stand here on the threshold of Israel's 39th anniversary."

Six candles were lit to commemorate the 6 million and music compositions by Srul Irving Glick were performed by a string quartet.

Cantors Harold Klein of Shaarei Shomayim and Severin Weingort of Temple Sinai chanted the traditional hymns and songs of the Holocaust.

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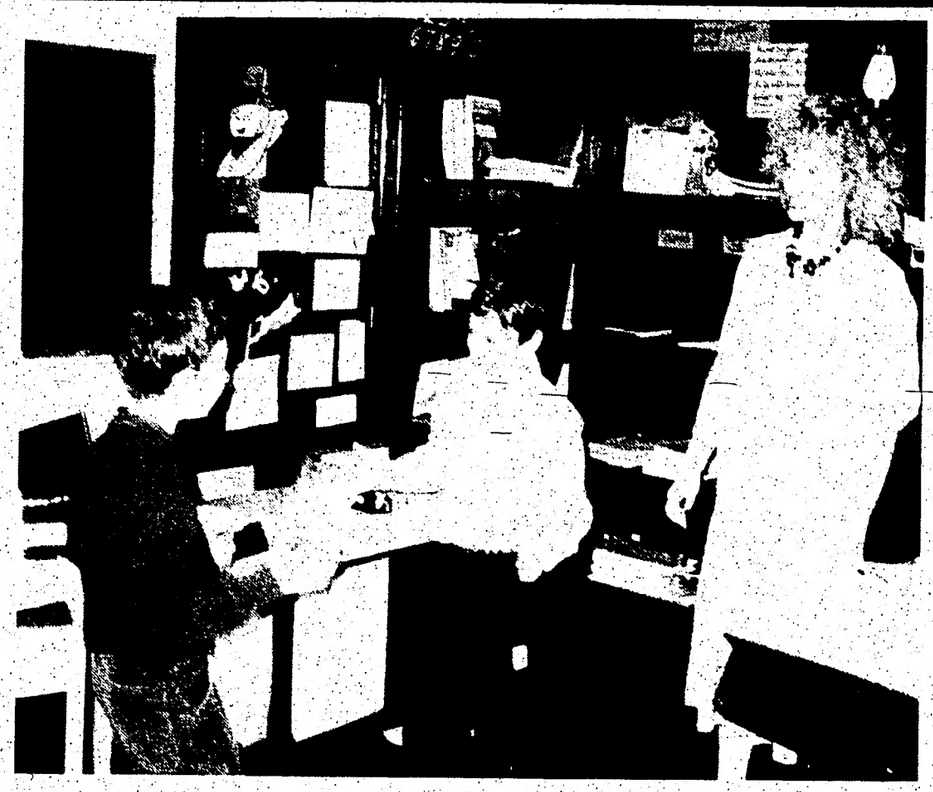

Melanie Novis (right) coaches students Marc Kopyto, 11, (left) and Jonah Bekhor, 10, (centre) in self expression. [Belinda Silverman photo]

Self-expression skills are taught to all ages

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Melanie Novis won't be surprised if some of her students one day become company presidents or community leaders.

That's because she's teaching them effective self-expression, skills that can bolster their confidence and lead to success in business and personal relationships.

"I assist them in presenting themselves and their ideas effectively with ease and confidence," says the director of the School of Speech and Drama at 38 Prince Arthur Ave.

And that, she says, helps them advance because it increases their visibility, prominence and ability to instruct others.

Novis says speech has been the "love" of her life ever since she was 10 years old and her mother sent her to private weekly speech lessons in her native Cape Town, South Africa.

When Novis later moved to Canada, she opened her school in 1983 because "I wanted to offer what I knew."

Since then, the school has attracted hundreds of people ranging in age from 6 to 60.

Adult classes are held during lunch hours and evenings, while youngsters — whose parents value the mastery of the spoken word — attended after school and on Saturday mornings.

Novis, who has a licentiate in speech and drama from Trinity College in London, England, says adult students are given lectures and practical exercises to improve their speaking skills. Young students engage in self-expression exercises and drama which help free their oral inhibitions.

"I think it's wonderful for them to learn to be more verbal, outgoing and more articulate," says Barbara Fitzgerald, whose 9-year-old daughter, Diana, takes classes.

"It's something I wish I had done when I was a child."

In addition to classes, Novis also gives private sessions to people who need help making speeches or conducting seminars.

She works with families planning bar mitzvahs, aiding the masters of ceremony in the planning, execution and delivery of their speeches. The consultations can include help with speech-writing by a staff specialist and a rehearsal prior to the event.

"I've done four bar mitzvahs," says Novis who is currently training 20 Jewish youngsters four years prior to their bar mitzvahs.

Novis also visits organizations and businesses instructing executives on effective communication. Her seminars, run through her Corporate Speech Consultants service, have been used by a fast food chain, a major accounting firm and the Ontario government.

She is also scheduled to hold a workshop this month for the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations whose members want to know how to run effective meetings.

Novis — who was recently an adjudicator for the Canadian Zionist Federation's public speaking competition — says good speakers keep their language simple and clear.

They avoid misunderstandings by being specific and precise. In public speaking, they are always thoroughly prepared, avoid monotonous vocal tones and pay attention to non-verbal behavior.

Novis says her effective speech sessions have already made big differences in some people's lives and careers.

In fact, she says proudly, one of her adult students is now being groomed for the position of president at the multinational company where he works.

For more information, call Novis' school and speech consultants services at 783-8190.

Scholar discusses views on retaining territories

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

The situation in Judea and Samaria is highly complex and hinges on the conflict between retaining the territories or trading them for peace, the guest speaker at the Annual Meyer W. Gasner Memorial Lecture said recently.

Rabbi David Schnall, professor of public policy at Long Island University and author of Beyond the Green Line: Israeli Settlements West of the Jordan, summarized and analyzed the intricate situation for an audience of 150 in the banquet hall of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The lecture was sponsored by the synagogue, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, and Mizrachi Organization of Canada. It is now in its 11th year.

The basic confrontation, Schnall explained, is between those drawn to Israel in terms of its land, and those who are drawn to it in terms of the quality of life on the land.

"There is an indelible Jewish title to these lands and no one can wrest it from us," Schnall said. He supported his argument by referring to the numerous Jewish settlements that have developed, and such historical landmarks as Kever Rachel which is the "centre of Jewish motherhood in all of Israel."

And there are strategic claims, he said, reminding the audience that prior to the Six Day War Israel at its narrowest point was 15 km wide: "In days of terrorism one has to be impressed with strategic depth."

On the basis of these claims it is easy to oppose territorial negotiations, Schnall said. But there are problems with retaining the land as well.

Economically the cost of maintaining control is very expensive, said the rabbi. He estimated the cost of settling one family in the territories at $150,000 to $175,000.

Morally there are also problems, he said, referring to the development of the Machteret (Jewish underground) and Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach movement.

Demographically, Schnall continued, Israel is faced with 750,000 hostile Arabs in the territories and 500,000 in Gaza.

If they become citizens with rights, privileges and duties they will become the majority; if not, does Israel keep them separate, as second class citizens? Schnall asked.

On the religious aspect of the territorial issue, Schnall said he had heard rabbinic opinion supporting both retention and exchange for peace.

Rabbi David Schnall

Speaking on his own behalf, Schnall said he was not sure the Torah speaks on the issue at all.

The future of the territories, he said, is complicated by the awaited transition of power between Labor and Likud — and Likud's internal problems; a new generation of Israelis who grew up without demarcation; and the problem of yerida for Israelis and Palestinians who are leaving to leave the problem behind.

Israel may therefore hold the territories solely by default and will have to deal with any Arab rights movement that may develop, Schnall suggested.

Schnall holds a PhD in political science from Fordham University and was ordained rabbi at Yeshiva University. He has taught at Fordham, YU, the City University of New York, and the State University of New York.

He is the author of four books and more than 40 articles, reviews and essays on American politics, Middle East policy and Jewish affairs.

Jewish values prof. urges more tolerance

TORONTO —

There's a lot of intolerance among Jews, with many believing they are the only true Jews and the others are outcasts, says an Israeli university professor.

"We have too much hatred for one Jew to another because they do not adhere exactly to our way of thinking or our way of living," said Pinchas Peli, a Jewish values professor at Ben-Gurion University.

Yet Jews can't afford to judge others on the grounds of their beliefs, the 55-year-old, Jerusalem-born scholar recently told about 170 people attending a brotherhood breakfast meeting at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

The Jewish people live in an age where they are all survivors and the Holocaust has shown there's no such thing as good Jews or bad Jews, said Peli, currently on a sabbatical at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

"When people entered Auschwitz, nobody asked them are you secular, are you religious, are you kosher, are you a Zionist or an anti-Zionist. All Jews entered the gates of Auschwitz as Jews," he said.

"Now we have a State of Israel and we are a Jewish people that all Jews must live. If you don't want to die as Jews with differentiations, you have to learn to live as Jews without schisms and without hatred."

Peli said hating others is contrary to the "central rule of Judaism" which in the Torah teaches Jews to love their fellow human beings as themselves.

"We are all Jews and we have to respect each other and we have to love each other because we are commanded to love."

Peli said Jews should be generous in their judgment of others and should never hold a grudge against another person.

"If you have a grudge against somebody . . . speak up! Tell him what you have against him. It's the only way to love."

Peli said love means giving and receiving. People should give of themselves, as well as things.

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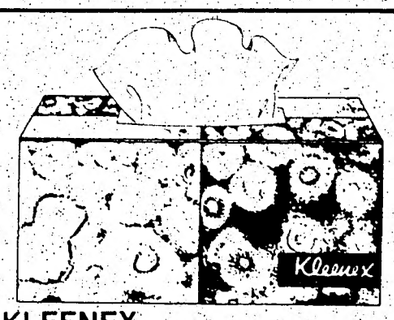

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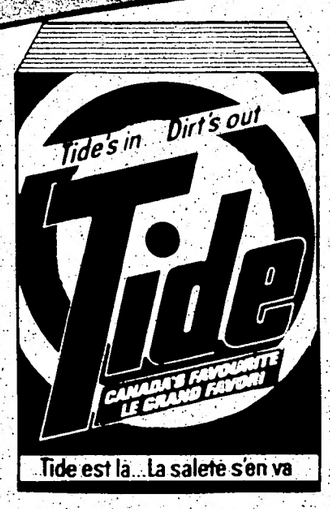

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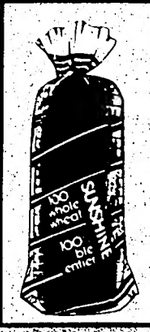

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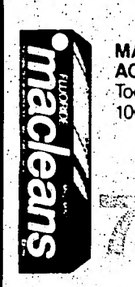

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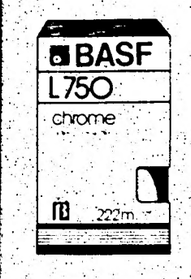

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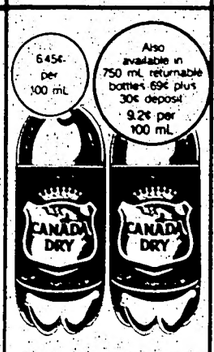

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Organizations and People

Classes run by Telem

Group has different reasons for learning Hebrew

By
BELINDA SILVERMAN

TORONTO —

For Stella Woizinski, Hebrew grammar is difficult and verb exceptions are sometimes tough to remember.

But Woizinski doesn't mind because she is determined to master enough of the language to see her through a trip to Israel this fall.

"I'll probably be able to understand a few sentences here and there, and order a meal," says the computer system coordinator.

"I'm not trying to learn Hebrew fluently in six months. I don't think anybody could do that . . . I'd just like to be able to communicate a little."

Woizinski is one of some 30 adults studying Hebrew in weekly evening classes run by Telem, a movement for Zionist fulfilment. They're taking beginners, intermediate and advanced classes held in the Canadian Zionist Federation's boardroom at 1111 Finch Ave. W.

The students range in age from 17 to 74 and come from all walks of life, said Miriam Bernknopf, coordinator of the classes.

"They just want to learn Hebrew for their own knowledge. Some may want to travel to Israel and a lot have studied Hebrew at a younger age and are looking to improve it," she said. Some people enrolled in the classes which were first offered by Telem last September, may also be moving to Israel, she added.

Karen Durbin, a student in the advanced class, says she has difficulty understanding the language when people speak quickly. But when they slow down, Durbin says, she can probably hold her own in a conversation.

The pharmaceutical sales representative is taking the Telem classes because she has always wanted to understand Hebrew prayers and learn "the language of our ancestors."

Esther Baker, a student in the intermediate class, says she is studying Hebrew because she hopes it will help her in her work.

"I felt that it would be a good thing to study Hebrew so I would have a better opportunity to work in a Jewish agency," says Baker, a social worker.

"I think if I continue taking classes, I should probably be able to speak well in another year or two," she said.

For more information on Hebrew classes offered by Telem, call 665-3588.

Telem Hebrew class coordinator Miriam Bernknopf (standing) helps student Stella Woizinski read Hebrew.

York professor wins a Steacie Fellowship

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

After years of studying the secrets of cell mutation in other countries, Prof. Barry Glickman has finally been recognized by his own country.

Glickman, a biology professor at York University, was recently awarded one of four 1986 E.W. Steacie Memorial Fellowships from the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council. He is the first faculty member at the North York university to receive the honor.

The Steacie Fellowships recognize outstanding achievements by Canadian scientists who are still relatively early in their career. Recipients receive the opportunity to work full-time on their research projects and obtain additional funding from NSERC for two years.

"I'm exceedingly pleased and excited to receive the fellowship," said Glickman, 39, who returned to Canada two years ago after working abroad for 17 years. "It's nice to be recognized in this way. It makes me feel at home."

Prof. Barry Glickman

He added that the fellowship will help him maintain a competitive edge internationally.

Glickman said he will pick up his award in September after winding up his teaching responsibilities and will begin to devote himself full-time to the research he began years ago as an undergraduate at McGill University.

After studying radiation damage at McGill and later at Chalk River, Ont., Glickman went to the Netherlands in 1969, where he worked for Euratom, the European Atomic Energy Commission.

In 1980, Glickman left the Netherlands and went to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in the U.S. where he remained until returning to Canada.

Glickman said his research centres on the nature of damage to the DNA and the DNA's mechanism for repairing itself.

"We're trying to understand how environmental agents interact with DNA and cause mutation," said Glickman, one of the world's premier authorities on the molecular basis of cell mutation. "Things that cause mutation also cause cancer."

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Organizations and People

"New kind of Jewish woman"

Rabbi Amy Eilberg relishes her role as pioneer

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Amy Eilberg is a new kind of Jewish woman.

In fact, saying she is a new kind of Jewish woman, over and over again to herself, is how she says she conquered male chauvinism to become the first woman ordained as a Conservative rabbi.

"The more I studied the ritual rites of women in the synagogue, the more I realized women were exempt from a whole series of mitzvot," Eilberg told over 200 people recently at the Adath Israel Congregation sisterhood's annual Rosalynd Smith memorial lecture.

Eilberg, who received her Conservative smicha, or ordination, last May from the Jewish Theological Seminary, said her Jewish awakening came as an undergraduate student at Brandeis University, where there's a large liberal Jewish population but services were Orthodox.

"I found myself in great pain. I felt a schizophrenia in being allowed to be Jewish but not to be a Jewish woman. My mission was to find ways to be both," said Eilberg, 31.

The Jewish feminist movement "had a banner year" in 1972, when the first woman was ordained as a Reform rabbi, she said. After that, Eilberg and a group of similar-minded students "started a campaign to overturn the rules of the synagogue...to make it more egalitarian."

She succeeded but a spiritual gnawing continued when she was not allowed to don talit and tefillen for morning prayers. She went ahead and did so anyway. "I decided that kind of logic (that prohibited women from wearing talit and tefillen) was a cop-out.

Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Received Master's in Talmud

" 'I am a new kind of Jewish woman,' I said, and I began articulating demands for equality."

After graduating from Brandeis in 1976 with a degree in Judaic studies, Eilberg enrolled in the Jewish Theological Seminary, the only school in the world that trains Conservative rabbis, to work for a Doctorate in Talmud.

She received her Master's in Talmud in 1978 and interrupted her doctoral studies to get a social work degree. She returned to the seminary, where debate raged on whether to graduate her. Eilberg completed her work and was ordained.

Today, Eilberg is a community rabbi for the Jewish Welfare Federation of Greater Indianapolis and serves as a Jewish chaplain at the Methodist Hospital in Indiana.

Eilberg said she was "seduced" by the study of Talmud and went to JTS as a feminist, where a cadre of Jewish feminists was already studying.

"We knew how to play the game, so those in charge of the game finally admitted we had a right to be there."

But her years at the seminary were "torturous." There were endless and painful vicissitudes of whether to accept women as equal members and as potential leaders.

"I almost gave up. I felt I'd banged my head against the wall enough. It seemed hopeless to become a rabbi."

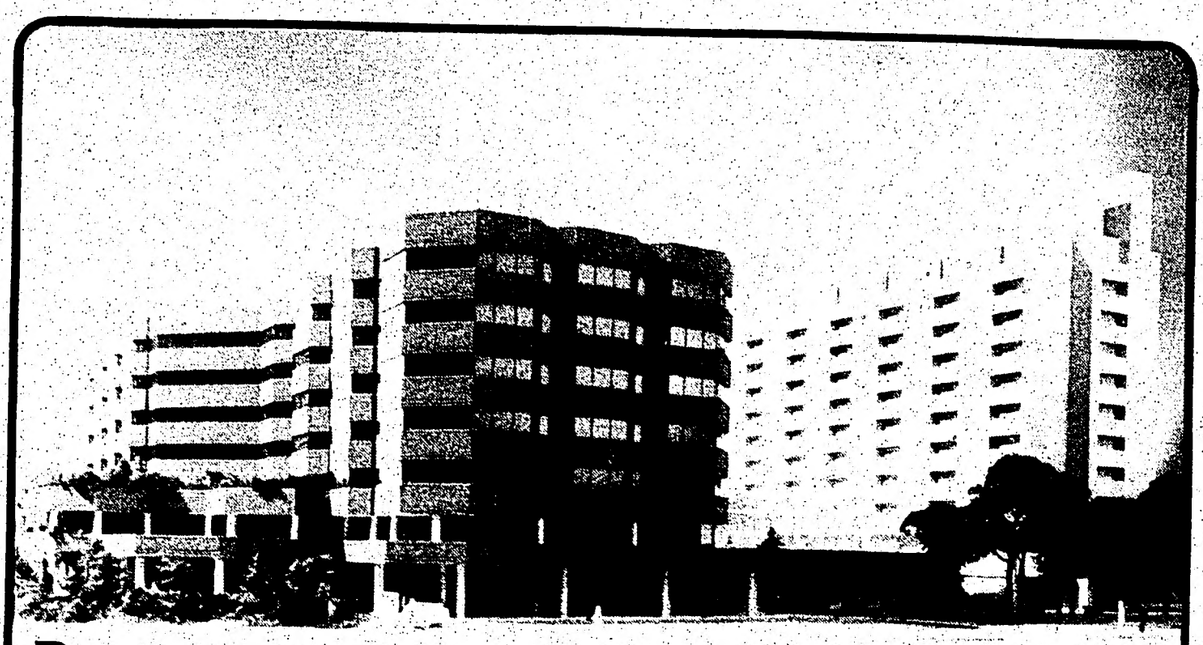
That's why she left her Talmud studies temporarily and got a Master of Social Work degree, she said.

But when JTS finally decided to open its doors to women rabbinical students, she was "stunned," and today, there's "a whole generation of women waiting to be ordained."

Women rabbis, she noted, "are more oriented toward making the synagogue a homier place, where the truth flows in both directions."

Jewish women generally should work toward reinterpreting Jewish texts to accommodate women, she said. An example is the birth of a girl. A newborn boy receives a brit milah (circumcision), while the birth of a girl is heralded with "not in so many words, but the message is 'better luck next time.'"

Bat mitzvahs have grown in acceptance, Eilberg acknowledged, but Jewish feminists must wrestle "with the gender of God language. God is almost exclusively referred to as male."



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Organizations and People

Big League Cards give Goldfarb a winning hand

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Practically everyone remembers collecting baseball cards. Those 2½ x 3½ pocket-sized portraits of your favorite ball players, wrapped in wax paper alongside a flat piece of chewy bubblegum, containing all the vital statistical information that made it seem you knew them inside out.

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And Tabitha Johnson's parents decided they'd like a card for their "sweetheart" with all of Tabitha's vital stats on it, including her hobbies (playing with Donald Duck cards) and her likes and dislikes ("One of Tabitha's favorite activities is kissing," the card reveals).

In fact, there's no limit to the type of message the card may contain, or the photo that will decorate it, says Goldfarb. Usually the cards contain the subject's goals in life, hobbies or profession, but the imagination is the only real limit.

One of the more risque cards featured the partially clothed photo of a Gallery Magazine centrefold, who billed herself a professional belly dancer at conventions and night clubs. Goldfarb says, while others use the cards for birth announcements, and still others for a personalized portrait of their favorite pets.

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Reitman to speak at Bonds dinner

TORONTO —

Dorothy Reitman, newly elected president of the Canadian Jewish Congress will be the guest speaker at the State of Israel Bonds Women of Valor Dinner on June 4 at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Reitman, a Montrealer, has served as national president of the National Council of Jewish Women and co-chairman of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

She is on the board of the United Israel Appeal, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University and the Canada-Israel Committee.

Reitman is also a board member of La Sante' Mentale de Quebec, Le Centre Marie Vincent and a founding member of Portage Program for Drug Dependency.

She is a fund raiser for the Canadian Cancer Society, Quebec Heart Foundation, Therese Casgrain Foundation and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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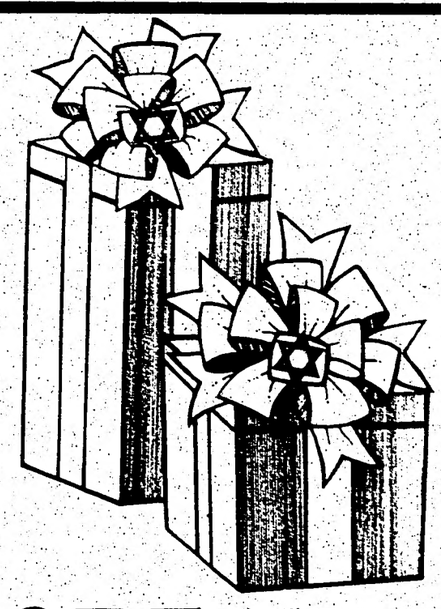

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MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Shlepping and crating 29 motorized hospital beds was tiring, but for Adi Kolber, Harry Alexandroff and Benny Sand, all members of Upper Canada Lodge of B'nai B'rith, exhilaration overcame exhaustion because they knew they were fulfilling a mitzvah.

It all began at the 1982 International B'nai B'rith convention in Toronto, when the executive director of B'nai B'rith Uruguay told Adi, "Your hospitals are like royal palaces."

"Palaces — our hospitals?" Adi was puzzled.

The man explained that in comparison with the institutions in his country, ours are technological wonders. Referring to the widespread replacement here of outdated equipment with modern computerized apparatus, he went on to say, "The materials your hospitals throw out would make our hospitals in Uruguay shine!"

He noted that this disparity contributed to the exodus of young Latin-American doctors.

"Laser beams, computers and other innovations have helped modernize your hospitals," he continued, observing that as the new equipment was installed, the old became obsolete. He wanted to know what we were doing with the discarded pieces. "Many of them probably go the way of the scrap dealer," he conjectured. "Couldn't you redirect them to Uruguay?"

Adi took up the challenge.

As vice-chairman of Community Volunteer Services for B'nai B'rith in Canada and the United States, he knew just what to do.

He fired off a letter outlining the situation to the director of the Ontario Hospital Association, who published a plea for obsolete hospital equipment in the organization's bulletin.

An immediate response came from the Alexandra Hospital in Ingersoll, which offered an operating room table and a cardiac monitoring system, 14-25 years old, but in A-1 condition.

Adi found someone to crate and ship the materials to the Pasteur Hospital in Montevideo, where they were received with open arms.

Learning from another Uruguayan, a Jewish doctor who was visiting Toronto, that there were critical shortages in other parts of South America, Kolber brought the matter to the attention of the CVS commission in Washington. It was decided that locating and shipping surplus hospital equipment would become a project of B'nai B'rith International throughout Canada and the United States.

Many hospitals were updating their facilities and clearing out the old equipment for a pittance. B'nai B'rith asked for anything that was still in good working order.

Requests came in from Chile and Argentina. Mexico was helped after the recent earthquake. All of the equipment from a New Jersey hospital which was liquidating totally, was sent to Mexico, moving that country off the priority list to be replaced by Guatemala, where the 29 beds were delivered.

The equipment is donated gratis, and the local B'nai B'rith lodge in the country where it is received, pays for transportation.

In Toronto, Kolber has written to the directors of 22 hospitals, requesting contributions. Eight have replied, and he intends to keep asking.

Mississauga Hospital donated the 29 beds.

Mount Sinai Hospital has given photographic and x-ray equipment as well as three stryker frames for patients with back injuries.

And B'nai B'rith is now cooperating with other service organizations. A few months ago a Rotarian from Hamilton who had read about the B'nai B'rith project in the OHA bulletin, called to say that his club was also collecting equipment for Uruguay, and he suggested working together. Kiwanis is participating too.

Nobleman goes to bat for safety of residents

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Residents of six senior citizen buildings on Eglinton Ave. W. near Allen Road take their lives in their hands every time they take the subway across the street from their home says City of York alderman, Ben Nobleman.

"The Toronto Transit Commission has arrogantly ignored the needs of City of York residents by not building an Eglinton West entrance on the south side of Eglinton," Nobleman said in a recent interview.

Since the province extended the Allen Expressway from Lawrence Ave. to Eglinton in 1975, thousands of additional cars from the Allen end up on Eglinton where the expressway ends, he said. "Cars zooming off the expressway don't look out for pedestrians. These pedestrians are at the mercy of the cars."

The alderman accused "Toronto Transit Commission and Metro bureaucrats of turning this intersection into the worst street in Metro for traffic jams and safety." He added that two senior citizens have been killed crossing the street in that area in the past seven years and said that he has almost been hit twice in the past four weeks.

Nobleman said that Metro council has twice defeated proposals to build an underpass across Eglinton. "I promise, however, to bring the issue up again. There are too many lives at stake here," he said.

Nobleman noted that there are also a lot of families with small children living in the area and "we must look out for their safety."

He says that Metro and the TTC made a mistake by not building the underpass in 1982 when the province said it was willing to fund 87% of the project then budgeted at $900,000.

"Plans for the new entrance were drawn up but no provisions were made for escalators. What good is the subway without escalators? Senior citizens and the disabled would still not be able to use it," Nobleman said.

He noted that when a proposal was brought before council to revise the plans and build the entrance with escalators it was defeated. "It is now the only stop along the Spadina line without an entrance on both sides of a main street."

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A result of Lebanon coverage

Media watchdog looks for bias against Israel

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

While most of us consider today's newspaper tomorrow's garbage and digest the evening television newscast by the time we go to bed, Win Meiselman is a different sort of media consumer.

As head of the Washington-based Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA), Meiselman pores over dozens of newspapers and watches hours of TV news every week to pick out inaccuracies and try to correct media bias against Israel.

Hers is the classic battle of the little guy up against the mighty, ivory-towered likes of CBS, The New York Times and Time Magazine.

In trying to convince the generally unapproachable American media giants to develop more even-handed reporting in the Middle East, Meiselman herself has had to develop a tough outer hide, made necessary after years of being hung up on, facing smug editors who inevitably tell her to leave the reporting to "the experts," and generally being told, don't call us, we'll call you.

Set up after the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, CAMERA has grown to 350 members in the U.S., who work on their own at detecting anti-Israel bias in the media and in alerting the media to it.

A one-time child psychologist, Meiselman, 52, told The CJN in a recent interview after a talk at the University of Toronto that her group was founded "as a reaction to what many felt were excesses in reporting on the invasion. The media had gone on a binge, as though there were no stops.

"Yet when people contacted NBC or CBS, they were told the reports were basically accurate.

"Something had to be done. I wanted to do something more effective than having my phone calls hung up on."

During the invasion and the subsequent mopping up operations, CAMERA, formed by Meiselman and William Perl, author of Rescue From the Holocaust, had more work than it could handle. Everywhere, it seemed, the media were out to attack Israel and take up the plight of the "underdog" PLO.

Examples of blatant bias, Meiselman notes, were rampant. Casualty and refugee figures were "wild" exaggerations taken from Arab sources and later refuted by the Red Cross.

For instance, NBC reported that over 600,000 people had become refugees in southern Lebanon. It was only later the media admitted the figure was much too high, given that the entire population of southern Lebanon was 600,000.

NBC devoted 600 minutes during the invasion to the Arab point of view and only 30 minutes to the Israeli version, Meiselman says.

What the network didn't say, she charges, is that over 100,000 Lebanese were streaming toward Israeli troops, away from the PLO, and that Israel had uncovered huge caches of Soviet-made weapons hidden in depots that were supposedly civilian buildings.

One of the keys to understanding media bias, Meiselman explains, is not in commission but in omission — what they leave out.

No network reported the fact that the PLO had long used civilian cover — homes, schools, hospitals and churches — which were also used as secret arsenals.

No network said in filming the bombed buildings of Sidon and Beirut that the structures were not destroyed in the Israeli invasion but in the Lebanese civil war. Television cameras never showed the grass and shrubs that had since grown in the cracks of the debris.

The most striking example of distortion came with a photograph of a little girl, whose arms had ostensibly been blown off by an Israeli mine. The picture was on the front page of almost every Western newspaper. It prompted an angry President Ronald Reagan to telephone Prime Minister Menachem Begin to tell him to quit Lebanon and Secretary of State George Shultz referred to the girl as "the symbol of this war."

What really took place, Meiselman points out, is the girl had broken her wrists in Moslem East Beirut and her arms were lashed to her sides to prevent movement. The Israelis, who were treating her, ran a picture a few weeks later showing the same girl playing with blocks, arms still there.

Both The Washington Post and The New York Times, Meiselman says, reduced the photograph in size and ran it on an inside page.

And there were the devastating editorial cartoons, one showing an Israeli pilot shouting "Torah, Torah, Torah!" (Montrealers may remember The Gazette's Aislin depicting Menachem Begin as a vampire bat armed with bombs and bullets and fangs dripping with blood).

"The invasion was greeted (in the press) by extreme bias." At the same time, people "suddenly became aware of slanted reporting."

But the cost of the invasion was dear. Meiselman says "a lot" of support for Israel was lost on Capitol Hill in those days. Since 1979, the input of Arab groups in Washington decision making has grown "300%" through a campaign of defaming Israel by techniques that include lining it up with "hated entities" like South Africa.

Israel may have won the war but it lost the propaganda battle, she adds.

Win Meiselman

"Even well-meaning Jews are using the language of the PLO, referring to the 'liberators.'"

So CAMERA's watchdog work isn't over. In fact, the need for it today is as great as it was in 1982, Meiselman says.

For instance, CAMERA has just completed a study showing what it claims are the media's double standard in reporting the 1982 massacre of over 300 Palestinians by Christian militia at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, versus their reporting of the 1985 slaughter of more than 500 Beirut civilians by Shiite Moslems under leader Nabi Berri.

In the Sabra and Shatila massacre, the attackers were under Israeli jurisdiction. The New York Times ran 131 stories and devoted 3,641 column inches to the incident. It used the word massacre 49 times in headlines. Editorial writers laid the blame for the massacre squarely at the feet of Menachem Begin, CAMERA says.

But in the 1985 slaughter of unarmed civilians by Berri's militia, The Times gave the story just 223 inches in 15 articles and never used the word massacre in headlines. The paper, CAMERA says, avoided laying blame at all.

Even People Magazine is running ads showing PLO chief Yasser Arafat kissing babies.

And there is still fallout being felt from Israeli General Ariel Sharon's daring lawsuit against Time Magazine.

Meiselman senses in the American media a certain smugness and arrogance — a "supercilious" attitude. But, she stresses, "I don't believe the media are the enemy."

The trouble at almost all big news media outlets is that they simply cannot afford to get scooped on a story, she explains. That's why all three networks practically tripped over each other in covering last year's hijacking of TWA flight 847 and in actually giving air time to the hijackers whenever they called a press conference.

Through her travails, Meiselman has encountered a few editors and journalists. She describes Ben Bradlee, editor of The Washington Post as "insufferably smug," while others occupying her list of journalists displaying anti-Israel bias include Flora Lewis and Anthony Lewis of The New York Times; syndicated columnist Robert Novak; The Village Voice ("beyond help"); Time Magazine ("a serious problem") and Alex Cockburn, now of the Wall Street Journal, who Meiselman says was fired from The Village Voice for allegedly accepting a $10,000 gift from Arab sources.

At the networks, she feels CBS leads the pack in negative portrayals of Israel.

As for The New York Times, she agrees that its editors, most of them Jewish, must walk a fine line in reporting on the Middle East, and "bend over backwards" in seeming indifferent but that the paper's concern is not for Israel "as much as being a leader in U.S. journalism."

On the positive side, The Washington Times and columnists like William Safire and William Buckley tend to be more objective. Interestingly, the conservative press, Meiselman notes, is often much kinder to Israel than the liberal media, which often adopt the PLO as underdogs.

Meiselman admits she has very little information on the Canadian media. From what she knows, the news from Canada tends to be less judgmental but she feels news organizations here still depend too much on American resources.

CAMERA's work has paid off, Meiselman says. On numerous occasions, it has persuaded news outlets, especially radio stations, to change stories or run retractions, explanations, corrections, letters to the editor and apologies, or to offer equal time to the other side.

More than one-third of CAMERA members are non-Jewish and there are the beginnings of a "tremendous groundswell" of support for the group. Meiselman says she "would love" to start a Canadian chapter.

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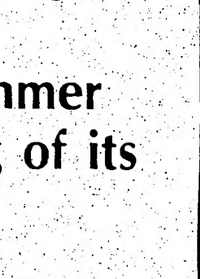

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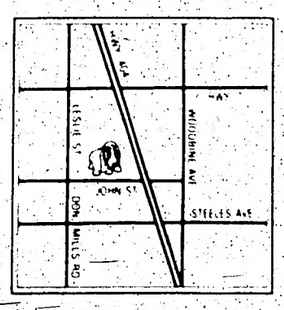

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Koschitzky to head national executive

Reitman promises to "operate by consensus"

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platforms were not far apart. She said she felt "very strongly" about Jewish education and the involvement of youth in Congress activities.

In his platform, Ronen called for "affirmative action to create a climate which will draw Jewish youth back into the Jewish community."

Ronen, 27, and Reitman both ran sophisticated campaigns, using posters, buttons, flyers and offering campaign rooms with food and drink.

Part of Ronen's campaign featured a continuously playing video of himself leading various demonstration and conferring with prominent personalities. His campaign flyers showed pictures of him with Anatoly Scharansky, former Israel Prime Minister Menachem Begin and with Ethiopians in Israel and stressed his activism for Jewish causes.

Reitman distributed campaign literature which stressed her ability to "operate by consensus, not through confrontation." (A veteran plenary-goer told The CJN during the campaign that some delegates were apprehensive about Ronen's alleged views which favored the right wing of Israeli political parties, while others cited his verbal style, saying it was like shooting from the hip.)

In her campaign, Reitman enlisted the help of two professionals, Menachem Dunsky of Montreal and her son Joel of Toronto, who are both in the advertising business.

It was apparent Reitman enjoyed strong support from Montrealers, women, and on average, from the older delegates. Ronen attracted some younger delegates as well as the Orthodox.

A buzz was created when news was circulated of a plane-load of Montreal delegates flying in to the plenary only to vote and to return later that day, and Reitman later confirmed to The CJN that about 30 of her "friends got together and booked (seats) on the same plane" — a City Express Dash-7.

Reitman said the women, who were organization delegates from ORT, Hadassah-WIZO and the National Council of Jewish Women, paid for the tickets themselves, though some received a subsidy from NCJW.

Prior to the announcement of the results, Ronen appeared relaxed and in good spirits. "I'm not disappointed at all," he said, noting the president is now aware of "a loyal opposition."

Outgoing President Milton Harris was overheard congratulating Ronen for making "a significant contribution" to the democratic functioning of Congress.

In other election results, Torontonian Mira Koschitzky defeated Montrealer Goldie Hershon as chairperson of the national executive. As the number 2 person in the executive, Koshcitzky becomes a senior officer in the national decision-making process.

Associate chairperson of the national executive is Alan Feld of Toronto, who is also president-elect of the North American Jewish Students Network; David Attis of Moncton, is secretary, Joel Pinsky of Hampstead, Que., is treasurer and Les Scheininger of Toronto, becomes honorary legal counsel.

According to Kagedan, votes were cast by delegates who either represented Jewish organizations in Canada, such as the Jewish Labor Committee, Rabbinical Assembly, Canadian Sephardic Federation, Friends of Pioneering Israel and Mizrachi Organization of Canada, with 1 vote allocated for each 250 members to a maximum of four.

Other voters included delegates-at-large, who were chosen by their region of Congress at regional council meetings.

Approximatley 650 of the 950 delegates cam from the Ontario Region.

"Kahanism" blasted in Congress resolution

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including one which saw the delegates approve a scathing indictment of "Kahanism" while supporting the efforts of the Israeli government to "find a path to serious negotiation and meaningful peace."

The resolution stated that "Kahanism and other forms of extremist political activity challenge the historic Zionist mission of a Jewish state based on justice and democracy for all."

It also noted Israel's "moral basis is undermined by threats to expel Arabs, by open defiance of legal norms and procedures and by attempts to establish differential treatment of citizens based on race, ethnicity or religion."

It expressed Congress' "solidarity" with the people of Israel in defending the state's democratic principles.

Other resolutions saw the defeat of a proposal to create an independent synagogue council, while another called on the national law and social action committee to "continue to pursue its mandate with respect to issues affecting women, the elderly, the disabled, the poor" and to work to "improve social justice and quality of life in Canada."

There could be more female representation at the next CJC plenary assembly. After some debate over semantics and its relevancy, a resolution was passed that calls for "appropriate representation" of male and female speakers at the 1989 convention.

This was combined with another resolution urging CJC to pursue "a vigorous campaign to increase significantly the participation of lay people, both male and female, at the officers, executive and committee levels. CJC should consider subsidizing the travel costs of members living outside Quebec and Ontario as means of making the organization more representative of all of Canadian Jewry.

It was also decided CJC must also endeavor to increase representation from the Sephardic community in its structures, as well as programs and polices.

Another resolution calls on CJC to consider sponsoring a national women's conference to identify women's issues. It was also resolved that CJC should encourage the establishment of child day care within the network of Jewish communal services and that there be Jewish community representation in public discussion on the need for adequate non-profit day care facilities.

Rights for disabled

Carried unanimously was a 7-point declaration of rights for disabled Jews in Canada to enable every disabled Jewish person to participate fully and equally in all facets of communal life. In a separate resolution, CJC officers were urged to appoint a national coordinator of services to disabled Jews.

A resolution was also passed endorsing the principles of increased government funding for social, health and educational services in Canada and for full employment. In the same vein, another resolution states that CJC should add its voice to those of other religious and social groups in the country in support of social programs to alleviate poverty in Canada.

Among those resolutions related to its committee work was one endorsing a plan to establish a research institution, under the aegis of the National Archives department, that would encourage social and historical research on Jews in Canada.

There was difficulty in gathering the quorum of 60 voting delegates for the first of the three sessions devoted to resolutions at this plenary assembly. However, almost an hour after the session was to begin Thursday at 7:30 a.m., the required number of persons was found and about 20 of the 51 resolutions put before delegates were passed.

Kanter's parents

Lisa Kanter, reported on in a recent Olim Shelanu column, is the daughter of Nina and the late George Herman, of Toronto.

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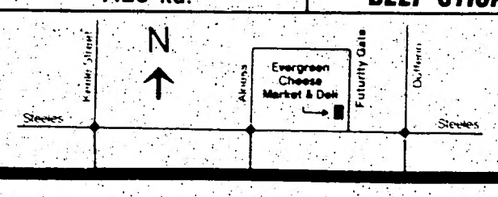

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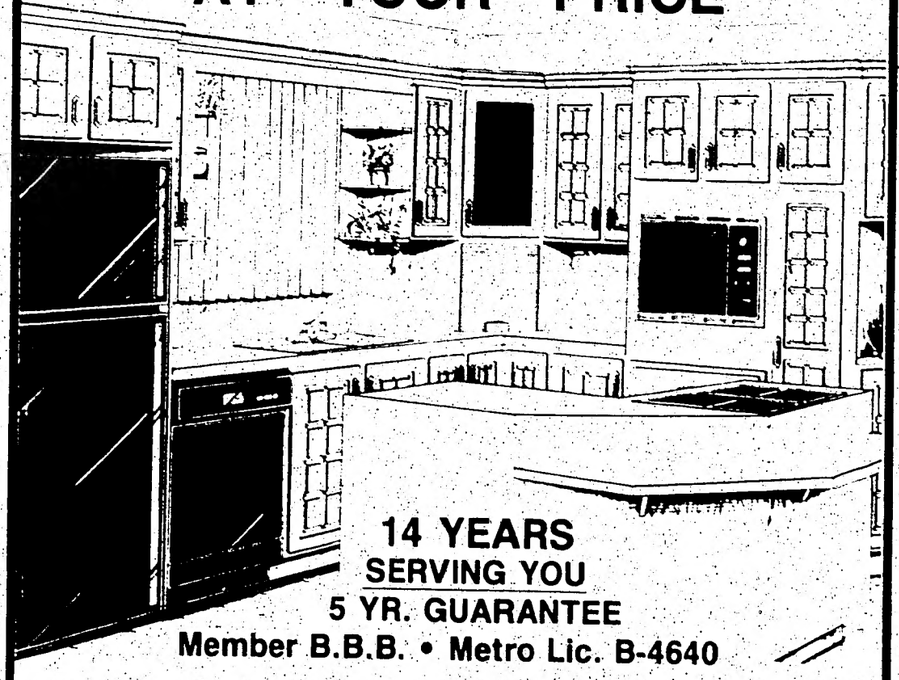

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Back problems solved

Bodybuilder teaches aerobics to fitness followers

By
BERNIE BELLAN

WINNIPEG — Four years ago, Marlene Loewen didn't dream she would be able to lead a normal life, let alone enter and win bodybuilding championships.

Loewen had suffered from chronic back problems since age 12. As a young girl, she found it difficult to participate in the normal day-to-day activities in which her friends were involved.

At times, she said, "If I bent down to pick up a paper clip, I'd be out of commission for who knows how long. I saw I don't know how many doctors, had acupuncture treatment, received cortisone shots," all to little or no avail.

Yet by October, 1983, Loewen had won the Red River Valley Women's Bodybuilding Championship, and in 1984 she went on to win the Minnesota Viking Classic Women's Bodybuilding Championship, held in Minneapolis.

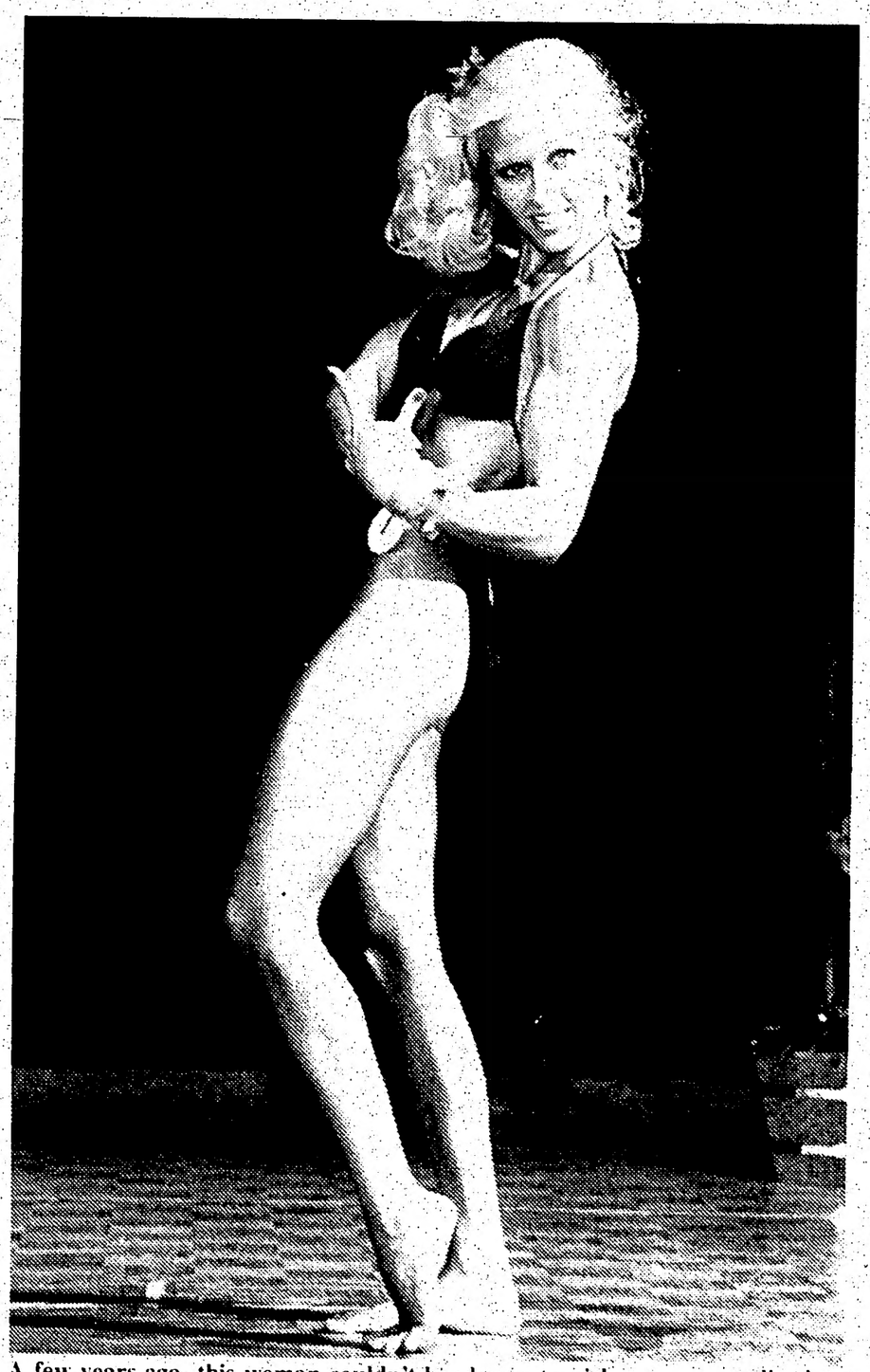
A far cry from her situation in 1981, which to her seemed the lowest ebb in her life. "I was totally bedridden...I couldn't get up off the floor."

It was around that time that a close friend suggested she try bodybuilding in an attempt to strengthen the muscles in her lower back.

In Loewen's words, "I slowly started to get into it. I began training in my basement, lifting weights. At the same time I read everything I could about bodybuilding...I read, read, read.

"In the spring of 1982 I joined a gym and started working out about two hours a day. Over a period of time there was a definite improvement in my condition."

Marlene concentrated on exercise she felt would help her back problems, such as stretching exercises for her hamstrings and quadriceps. Her aim was to make her spine more "flexible" by "keeping the muscles longer," in her words.



A few years ago, this woman couldn't bend over to pick up a paper clip, but weight training has helped her get into shape.

From there, a little perusasion got Marlene to enter bodybuilding competition. Although she had already reduced her weight from 125 lbs. to 105, she went all the way down to 92 lbs. (on a 5 ft. 2 frame) for the competition.

Then came her competitive victories in Winnipeg and Minneapolis, but despite that, Loewen has come to the conclusion bodybuilding alone is not enough to become truly fit.

"Bodybuilding is just one facet of overall fitness," she says. "It wasn't the be-all and end-all...Cardio-vascular-wise I was a wreck. I couldn't even run around the block."

As a result, Loewen set out to expand her knowledge of physical training. She now operates her own fitness consulting service, Platinum Fitness Consultants, and is a registered fitness appraiser in both aerobics and weight training.

Loewen conducts regular classes for approximately 20 people at a time — she calls it "Eight Weeks of Fitness." In the first half-hour she lectures on fitness, and that's followed by a workout.

Loewen concentrates on aerobic conditioning, with a special emphasis on a gradual build up in each class to avoid the possibility of injury. Her goal is to take someone who has "never participated in aerobics to the point where they could go through a full 1-hour program" by the end of the 8th week.

As well as conducting classes, Loewen is often approached by groups to present seminars on fitness. During the seminars, she stresses a "holistic" approach to living which, among other things, involves the elimination of all drugs, "even aspirin."

As if that wasn't enough, Loewen works full time at her parents' store, Jewelry Distributors, where she is the diamond department manager.

Her parents, Sam and Marjorie Gilman, made sure she was exposed to Jewish values growing up — they brought a Hebrew tutor into the house.

For Marlene, a typical day begins at 5 a.m. when she heads to a local gym for a 2-hour workout. That's followed by a day at the store, ending up with teaching one of her exercise classes or conducting a seminar.

Quite a change from the time Marlene couldn't bend over.

Etobicoke site

Women's Games set

TORONTO — The 9th annual Colgate Women's Games, Canada's largest female track and field competition, will be held at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium in Metro Toronto on June 14 and 15, Colgate-Palmolive Canada announced recently.

Initiated in 1978, the Games were devised as a vehicle by which women, who had traditionally not been accorded the same opportunities as men, could develop their own athletic skills.

The Games are open to anyone age 10 and older. The event brings together many of Canada's outstanding women athletes competing alongside young girls from across the country who may be Canada's stars of the future.

To qualify, one need only show the desire to participate. There is no entry fee.

Entry forms are available at schools and track clubs. Deadline for entries is May 25. For further information, write to: Colgate Women's Games, PO Box 55, Postal Station G, Toronto, M4M 3E8.

Winnipeg tournament a BB league highlight

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO — The B'nai B'rith hockey league held its annual awards banquet recently, concluding a year that out going president, Ira Kaufman, termed, "one of the best."

Kaufman, president of the league for the last two seasons, said that the highlight of the year for him was going to Winnipeg for the national championships.

"It was a tremendous experience that all the players enjoyed and there should be a great tournament next year in Toronto," Kaufman said.

For the last five years the out going president of the league was on a championship team and this year was no exception as Kaufman coached the Toronto Freedom Whalers to the A division championship.

Kaufman also expressed satisfaction in the improved refereeing this year and the fact that the league is in good financial shape for the coming season.

The guest speaker for the evening was the voice of the Toronto Maple Leafs, CJCL's Joe Bowen, who said that he always enjoys attending such functions although he hadn't had many offers the past couple of seasons.

"It's been kind of tough the last few years with the Leafs missing the playoffs, but this year's success has revived a lot of interest and I hope to do some more of these dinners."

Bowen had nothing but praise for the B'nai B'rith hockey league as he said "you can't underestimate the importance of getting off your butt and doing some exercise."

And of course the B'nai B'rith banquet would not be complete without some awards given and the following are the winners of the MVP and sportsmanship trophies in each respective division:

In Division A Jon Schachter of the Association was chosen MVP while Stuart Himmel of the Whalers was awarded sportsmanship.

In B1 Division Stuart Yack of the Feathers was awarded MVP honors for leading the division in scoring and Steve Schachter of the Red Wings was awarded sportsmanship.

In B2 Division defenceman Robert Shapero of the LMOL Reds copped MVP honors and Andrew Rivkin of the Canyon Kings won sportsmanship.

In C1 Division Alvin Merman of the Black Hawks was chosen MVP while David Allen, of the Flyers, who scored four goals in the final, was awarded sportsmanship.

In C2 Division Larry Krupski of the Habs won MVP honors and and Ronald Kimel of the Hava-kars walked off with sportsmanship.

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This spring and summer Pennington's is showing a number of fashion forward items that equal anything a size 8 will be wearing in terms of quality and attractiveness.

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And in a season crazed with prints, Pennington's offers floral, fruit, animal, abstract and Aztec designs. And these patterned blouses, skirts, jackets, pants and shirts are meant to be mixed and matched.

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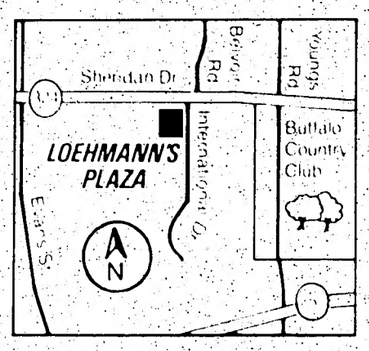

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Fashion

Fanciful creepers twist and twine from the foot up to the calf, from the waist down to the thigh — framing the most attractive parts of the legs. That is the new Guirlande 503 from Fogal.

Copacabana 137 by Fogal gives the wearer a sinuous silhouette and super-long legs. Emblems of its exclusivity are the high-cut Tanga panty and the broad elastic waistband.

Kisses 131 by Fogal with red lips on a black, light gray, brown gray or white background.

Fogal is the Haagen-Daz of hosiery world

By
LORI SMITH

Hosiery has become an essential fashion accessory in the 80s. And, in response, shops specializing in stockings and pantyhose have opened up everywhere.

Toronto's most recent addition to these leg fashion stores is the Fogal of Switzerland shop that opened recently in Hazleton Lanes.

What sets this store apart from the others is the quality, range and sheer luxury of the product it sells. Fogal of Switzerland is to hosiery what Haagen-Daz is to ice cream.

Heather Samuel, who with partners Marja Grunberg and Janice Butstadt own the Fogal shop, explains that it fills an important niche in Toronto's fashion scene. It offers the city's women an unprecedented range of colors, styles, textures and patterns of hosiery.

"Fogal produces pantyhose, body stockings, socks, thigh highs, knee highs, tights, cotton tights, silk and cashmere tights and exercise tights in a wide variety of colors. And we offer the selection year round. So if you need a light pair of pantyhose in the fall they would be available here."

Fogal is a privately owned, independent Swiss company that has been making hosiery since 1920. It has a number of stores in Europe, and stores in Hong Kong, San Francisco, Houston, New York City and now in Toronto.

According to Samuels, the company agreed to the opening of the store in Toronto for a number of reasons including the fact that the city has become a big, cosmopolitan centre and is being recognized as such by manufacturers like Fogal.

A way to update

"People here have a heightened awareness of fashion, they travel more and they have many functions to go to and they like to dress up. So it's a shame to have something like a beautiful Ungaro dress and not be able to get the hosiery to go with it."

Samuels explains that Fogal is totally a service-oriented store: customers may try on sample hosiery if they wish and if a color or style is not in stock it will be ordered immediately for the client.

She says that the company does not change colors each season. It adds shades. So if a woman buys a dress in a fashion color this summer and next summer that tone is not 'in' but the woman still wants to wear the dress she will be able to get the matching hosiery at the store.

"Most people can't go out and buy new clothes every year and pantyhose is a way to update their wardrobe."

The complete range of Fogal products is not available in the store yet but Samuels exlains that as the season progresses more and more stock will be added.

A quick look at some of the fashion forward items the store will feature this spring includes a wide variety of patterned hose such as a widely spaced pinstripe, fan patterned, graffiti, video, fine diamond, guirlande (fine net stockings), front or back seamed hose, fishnets and lace; a lot of bright colors like green, yellow, flamingo and orange, plus many textured items.

Samuels concedes that the Fogal hosiery is expensive. A pair of sheers in one of 15 to 60 colors cost $11.50 while a pair of cashmere and silk tights will cost around $200.

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Club Monaco kids' line includes basic sweats in a rainbow of colors, denim mini skirts, leather and suede bomber jackets in five colors. Accessories: suede slip-on shoes, patent oxfords, knapsacks, small pouches. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Classicism reigns

Kids part of Club Monaco line

By
LORI SMITH

Classicism is characterized by its emphasis on form, simplicity, proportion and restrained emotion. Fashion classicism is characterized by anything and everything sold at Club Monaco, the merchandise stores developed and operated by The Monaco Group and Canada's premier designer, Alfred Sung.

Joseph Mimran, the managing director of The Monaco Group, explains that while the stores and the merchandise they sell (jackets, pants, shirts, shoes, bags, belts, underwear, sleepwear, activewear and accessories) are a reflection of the style that has made Sung world famous, they are also an acknowledgement of the enduring fashion offered by classic garments and accessories.

"It's like a designer who has done a great first and second line all of a sudden taking a great crewneck sweater and junking it up because they did it for the prior season.

"There is a tendency to jump ahead too fast when a garment doesn't need to be killed. I think that in search of newness all of the time some really great classics get left behind.

"And it's the belief of this company that some things are enduring and they should really be allowed to stay around."

So if you're looking for trends and fads Club Monaco is not the place to shop, but if you're looking for a garment or garments that are going to be as acceptable in five years as they are now, it is the place to go.

Mimran says that this spring and summer Club Monaco is offering its customers three basic color and fashion stories: Jeansmania, Safari and Classico.

The first recognizes the importance of all-things-denim this season. So mood indigo batick patterns and chambrays with a lot of white go hand-in-hand with more or less traditional jeanwear. And like good denim, these garments get better with wear and age.

Safari is a nod at the classics that are currently being popularized by the movie Out of Africa. Mimran explains that they have bags with animal skin patterns, 100% linen pleated pants, linen jodphurs, Khaki twills and sweaters in natural colors and fabrics.

But perhaps the best piece in the collection is the beautiful duster coat. In this grouping the naturals are accented by vegetable-dyed fuchsias, oranges, blues and greens — muted brights.

The third story is called Classico and it has a nautical inspiration. Mimran explains that it features a number of garments with black and white striping to be worn with solid colored pieces.

It also includes a black, sleeveless turtleneck with a 60s feel and a new shape of pant that is a step away from the stirrup pant but still very slim.

The stores will also have a number of truly great miscellaneous items like leather or chamois baseball jackets, 100% cotton fishermen knit sweaters and classic running shoes.

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Fashion

Bright fashion future for creative students

By
LORI SMITH

The year-end fashion show presented by the students and faculty of Toronto's International Academy of Merchandising and Design was a fast-paced, exciting and professional finale.

The show, held in the convention centre ballroom of the Harbour Castle Hilton, was produced by and featured the designs of the graduating class of 1986. And if it is evidence of their talent the Canadian fashion industry has a very bright future.

To begin with, congratulations must go to student producers Scott Werry and Marla Kerzner for figureheading an excellent show and for doing what many producers seem to find impossible — seeing that the show started on time.

On a set designed to look like unfurled rolls of film, each series was presented as a mini-video; the models, the clothing, the music and the lighting all contributed to the total effect.

The designs themselves represented a range of looks from conservative to Yorkville chic to Queen Street eclectic. Highlights included a purple leather dress by Tory McKay; a salmon and navy knit ensemble by Pina Donia; a man's Sherlock Holmes coat in beige by Lisa Panagapka; an ensemble consisting of a purple check cape, cream suede top and mauve skirt by Nora Forsey; a collarless, black tuxedo with large, dropped, peaked lapels by Pauline Thomas; an orange mini skirt worn with a print top and printed duster coat by Robert Hii; Debra Sutton's sculpted, 60ish, space age like outfits; and all of the gala creations.

There was no single look that dominated. Skirts were long or very short or at the knee or just below it. Garments were body hugging or loose. Some were 60ish, but it wasn't a dominant trend.

What the show did illustrate was the range of talent entering the Canadian fashion industry.

New dimensions in design look to the future as Debbie Sutton takes a futuristic look at fashion with outrageous prints and distinctive shapes. Sutton is a graduating student of the International Academy of Merchandising and Design.

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Michael Keaton (centre) in Gung Ho.

Low-key car comedy

Gung Ho's predictable funnies fail

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — Stagnation has hit so many towns in the eastern part of the U.S. that wags now call it the rust belt.

In the rust belt, industries have closed and ordinary Americans have been put out of work. The industrial decline is due to a variety of factors, and one of them is Japanese competition.

Gung Ho, now playing at Famous Players theatres, documents the attempt by one town in that depressed region of America to reverse its tailspin into oblivion.

Directed by Ron Howard, the maker of *Cocoon* and *Splash*, Gung Ho is a low-key comedy without any pretensions.

Hunt Stevenson (Michael Keaton), once a foreman in the defunct auto plant, is recruited to go to Japan to convince Assan Motors to assemble cars in Hadleyville.

Its fate rides on his mission. And he knows it. As he leaves, he confides to his girlfriend that his hometown will be "dead meat" unless he is successful in Japan.

Our hero stumbles through his presentation, but somehow manages to convince the Japanese to give Hadleyville a chance.

Before you know it, the townspeople are cheering a group of Assan Motor executives who've flown in to test the proposition that its workers can turn out reliable cars at a fast clip.

The chief executive, Kazahiro (Gedde Watanabe), is being tested himself. He has been less than efficient in the past, and having been given a reprieve by his hard-as-rock superiors, he can make or break his career in America.

Thinking that Hunt Stevenson is a popular guy who can rally the work force, Kazahiro hires him as his personal liaison with the workers. Their objectives are similar, but their methods are different.

Both have an interest in turning out a lot of non-defective cars per month. But to Kazahiro's chagrin and frustration, American workers are not as well disciplined or as motivated as their Japanese counterparts, and their loyalty to a company leaves something to be desired.

Gung Ho explores these cultural national differences, but without any panache.

The script by Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel is genuinely funny, in a cornball American way, in only few places. Otherwise, the laughs are pretty predictable and very much pedestrian, like a run-of-the-mill TV sitcom.

Michael Keaton, who bears a resemblance to Tony Curtis, is no great actor. He is an ephemeral presence on the screen, as light as cotton candy, and he makes no impression.

If he had been cast in a secondary role, this wouldn't have mattered. But can a film be carried on the back of an actor who cannot support its dead weight? Hardly.

The pity of it is that, while Gung Ho deals with a serious enough subject, it fails to do it any justice. If Japanese automobiles were like Ron Howard films, Japan Inc. would be in grave trouble.

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Arts

Yordim deals candidly with guilt, emotional turmoil

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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Most Israelis are intensely loyal and patriotic. Ten percent, however, have chosen to live in the Diaspora. They are clustered in all the major cities of North America. Some have made new homes in Western Europe, South Africa — and even Germany.

The Yom Kippur War was a traumatic event for many young Israelis. Could they ever feel secure in a country under siege? Could they ever achieve freedom from fear and strife? Many left in search of a more promising future.

How are these displaced yordim farjng? How do they think of themselves? Will they ever return home . . . as most of them assure themselves and their friends? What does it mean to be caught in an emotional tug-of-war, striving to achieve success in America with one's heart in the Middle East?

These are some of the questions that Micha Lev raises in this absorbing novel of two brothers who struggle for meaning and assurance in a new milieu. As far as I know this is the first novel that deals specifically and candidly with the problem of yordim — their inner guilt and emotional turmoil. There has been an understandable reluctance on the part of the organized Jewish community to publicize a problem that has been called "a national catastrophe."

Yosef Lvov comes to Philadelphia in 1973, along with his wife and retarded daughter. His life is unrelieved disaster. His toil remains unrewarded, his marriage fails, he resorts to crime and ends up facing deportation. Meanwhile his younger brother who served with distinction in the Israeli army comes to the United States to obtain a college degree.

He tries to resist the blandishments of an alluring culture: "In every way America had been more than he had hoped it would be. At first it had excited him, enticed him, titillated his senses, but soon the stimulation had been too much. Too many great shows, too many stars, too many grand openings, too many stores, too many movies, too many malls, too many channels, too many choices, too much freedom, too few rules, too much graffiti, too many murders, too much talking, too little caring, too many people, too few friends. . . . The more innocent it seems, the more dangerous it is."

In Israel the elderly parents wonder if their sons will ever return. Have they forsaken Zion and given their primary loyalty to an alien way of life? When their elderly father falls ill both sons return home for a visit. One decides to remain in Israel. Which one? Why? This decision is at the heart and core of this imaginative and original work.

The author, a social worker and psychologist lived in Israel for five years and taught at Haifa University. He is a gifted young writer with strong and positive Jewish feelings. *Yordim* may be obtained at local Jewish book stores.

Danish orchestra touring

Segal to conduct Aarhus Symphony

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Uri Segal

Uri Segal will conduct one of Europe's most respected orchestras, Denmark's Aarhus Symphony, on May 22, 8 p.m. at Massey Hall.

The orchestra's 50th anniversary year will conclude with this trip to Canada. Its repertoire will include modern Danish as well as familiar classical music.

Opening the Toronto concert will be Cappricio Piano a Forte (soft and loud) by the dynamic young composer Paul Ruders.

Pianist Amalie Malling will perform Mozart's 22nd Concerto while Carl Neilsen's Fifth Symphony, a work hailed as "the greatest symphony of the 20th century" by the late British scholar Deryck Cooke, will conclude the concert.

Karl Lewkovitch will perform Mozart's Flute Concerto with the Aarhus Symphony May 24 in London, Ont. There will be another performance in Kingston May 26.

Segal was born in Jerusalem in 1944 and studied music in Israel and London. His conducting career was launched in 1969 when he won first prize at the Mitroupoulos International competition in New York, and subsequently was assistant conductor with the New York Philharmonic.

Segal has conducted extensively in West Germany and often in Japan and New Zealand. He has worked with all the major British orchestras and was principal conductor of the Bourenmouth Symphony for two seasons.

He is often invited to conduct the Israel Philharmonic, has a regular commitment to the Stuttgart Radio Orchestra since 1972, and was principal conductor of the Philharmonia Hugarica Orchestra, now in Vienna, from September 1981 to June, 1985.

For further information, call 466-6025.

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Mighty, often grandiose

Songs of Triumph: Poems of Moses in Celebration of Crossing the Red Sea by Morton Gold was presented at Holy Blossom recently by Cantor Benjamin Maisner, the Holy Blossom Temple Singers, members of the Toronto Concert Singers, and the Community Chamber Orchestra of York University, conducted by James McKay.

Based upon texts from the latter part of the Book of Exodus, this oratorio is musically conservative yet completely appropriate. It's a compound of mid-19th-century heavy-romantic orchestration, closely akin to the style of Anton Bruckner, with authentic Hebraic themes of Israeli and minor key Sephardi vintage.

While the more memorable melodies are the Hebraic themes, the triumphant major-key segments with their bombast and victory flourishes impart authenticity to the mood of the texts. The finale is rousing and a fitting conclusion.

There are few weaknesses in this oratorio. True, the melodies in the triumphant portion could have been more distinct themes as opposed to recitative. And there could have been at times a feeling of lighter sunny exuberance which is called-for at times in the texts but lacking in the music.

Still, Gold's oratorio is memorable and significant, and its refusal to imitate current pop trends is itself worthy of praise.

The presentation was generally up to par, despite a few rusty violins at the very beginning and the usual acoustic problems at the Holy Blossom sanctuary which drown out the choir in favor of the brass.

Gold's oratorio was preceded by the dazzling harp of the great Erica Goodman which was especially memorable during her performance of one of Milton Barnes' best works, his 1976 Variations for Solo Harp.

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Arts

Israel's famed Bat-Dor Dance Company coming

By
RICK KARDONNE

Bat-Dor means contemporary in Hebrew and Israel's Bat-Dor Dance Company is thus well-described — a company whose style is based on classical training strongly blended with modern techniques and trends.

The company was founded in 1968 by South African-born Jeannette Ordman, and is a remarkable example of not only artistic development but of its rapid maturing and growth. It has been called "the most representative modern dance company in Israel."

Bat-Dor began after Batsheva de Rothschild saw the need for a studio to aim at high professional standards and modern disciplines. She invited Ordman to take on the artistic directorship of the proposed studio, and Bat-Dor opened its doors in 1967.

There could have not been a more significant choice or a more auspicious move for dance in Israel. Jeannette Ordman, had barely reached 14 when she was already dancing leading roles in the Johannesburg Festival Ballet. When London's Anton Dolin visited South Africa, he selected her for the title role of Giselle. Shortly afterwards she went to London, performed at Sadler's Wells and in leading TV roles.

Coming to Israel on a touring contract, she stayed on. She was thus fully equipped to introduce the discipline of dance into a new studio which aimed at the highest professional standards.

De Rothschild and Ordman began to plan at once for a company that would be an outlet for dancers who came to settle in Israel, and to train native Israelis.

With its studio in Tel Aviv and its branch in Beersheba, opened in 1975, Bat-Dor today represents one of the most advanced dance training schools anywhere.

The company's school in Beersheba will be the beneficiary of a major fund raising opening night May 25 at the Premiere Dance Theatre to commence the Toronto portion of a cross-Canada tour. This gala is being organized by a committee chaired by Elaine Culiner and also includes Marvelle Koffler, Hedy Frisch and Deborah White.

For further information on the gala, call Guliner at 967-9114.

The Toronto portion of the tour will also include regular performances: matinee May 26 and evening performances May 26, 27 and 28 at the Premiere Dance Theatre.

Bat-Dor's strong classical background has made it possible to present such works as Tudor's Dark Elegies in their original form. Out of such strong roots has come the technical expertise required for modern choreographers such as the famed Domy Reiter-Soffer (creator of the world-acclaimed Equus for the Dance Theatre of Harlem), Mirali Sharon and Igal Perry. One of Bat-Dor's male leads is an Egyptian who studied at the USSR's Kirov School: Reda Sheta.

Earning raves from such recognized critics as The New York Times' Anna Kisselgoff, Bat-Dor has attracted today's best choreographers from around the world to create works for it. An example is Gene Hill Sagan's memorial to a friend in the Yom Kippur War which is one of Israel's greatest artistic tribute to its fallen soldiers, and Rodney Griffith's Piaf Vaudeville, the archetypical tribute to the legendary chanteuse, with Jeannette Ordman herself as Piaf.

Following sellouts around the world, from New York to Zaire and most recently, Poland, Bat-Dor's cross-Canada tour will include Calgary (May 14), Edmonton (May 15-19), London (May 22), Toronto-Premiere Dance Theatre (May 25-28), Montreal (May 29) and Ottawa (June 2 at the National arts Centre).

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The Bat-Dor Dance Company of Israel blends classical training with modern techniques and trends.

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Arts

Three bachelors and a baby

Merry French comedy proves wonderfully enchanting

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Imagine the tumultuous chaos that ensues when three confirmed hedonistic Parisian bachelors find an abandoned infant on their doorstep and try to cope with the predicament.

Well, that's exactly what happens in *3 Men And A Cradle*, a merry French comedy by Coline Serreau playing at Canada Square.

The bachelors in question, Jacques (Andre Dussollier), Pierre (Roland Giraud) and Michel (Michel Boujenah) live in a tastefully-furnished big old flat. They are definitely ladies' men and they enjoy their freedom.

One night, at a party, Jacques casually informs his roommates that he is expecting a small package the following week, when he will be out of town. Jacques, an airline steward, travels quite often.

Pierre and Michel, not realizing what they are getting into, agree to look after the package in his absence.

To their total surprise and horror, it turns out to be a cradle with a delightfully beautiful baby.

The attached note informs the hapless pair that Marie, the bundled gurgling presence, is "the fruit" of Jacques' sexual liaison with a woman named Sylvia, now in the U.S.

What are they to do? Pierre and Michel don't know the difference between a diaper and a bottle. They are clearly not amused.

But sheer circumstance compels them to bone up on child care. Two very amusing scenes occur when Pierre and Michel enter a pharmacy and embarrass themselves manfully trying to figure out what they'll require to minister to Marie's needs. You can emphasize with these poor souls, especially if you've already gone through the wringer of fatherhood.

Jennifer Moret is Marie.

If there is a star in this film it is Marie (Jennifer Moret). The bachelors are totally captivated by Marie, as well they should be.

Yet Marie is a burden on their time and energy, and they complain loudly and bitterly about their fate. Their complaints grow very vocal when the actual package Jacques expected, containing a wad of dope, is delivered by their concierge one afternoon. It gets them into deep trouble with gangsters and police, but they eventually slough them off.

By this time, they're hopelessly in love with Marie. She has brought a special ray of light into their lives. And they feel forlorn when Sylvia, her mother, claims Marie six months later.

A viewer can easily understand their affection for Marie. She is simply adorable.

The supporting actors do not lag far behind. But as fine as Giraud, Boujenah and Dussollier are they cannot compete with Jennifer Moret.

She is special.

Beth Tzedec Museum

Oretsky art to be exhibited

TORONTO —

A 1-man exhibit of the paintings and drawings of Barry Oretsky will be on display at the Beth Tzedec Museum May 22-June 5. The opening reception on May 22 runs from 7 to 9 p.m. and the public is invited.

Oretsky, head of the art department at Thornhill Secondary school, specializes in high realism, creating a 3-dimensional effect on a flat surface with tremendous detail, says the synagogue's executive director, Nathan Abramowitz.

The artist will show about 20 works, some of which will be on sale, and he will be present at the opening.

Oretsky lives in Toronto and was trained at Central Technical school and St. Martin's School of Fine Art in London, England. He has had showings at Gallery Moos, the Pollock Gallery, and participated in the Canadian Biennial in Winnipeg in 1968. Oretsky also taught in Haifa University's department of fine arts.

Oretsky is a member of Beth Tzedec Congregation and Abramowitz says there is some Jewish content in his work.

Though not formally part of celebrations marking Beth Tzedec's 100th anniversary, the exhibition is part of a variety of activities associated with the festive year, adds Abramovitz.

For more information call the synagogue at 781-3511.

Caravan, Caravan — 1986 by Barry Oretsky is one of the paintings that will be on display at the Beth Tzedec Museum.

Animal Farm's message ultimately becomes tedious

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

As the British might say, *Animal Farm* (at the Royal Alexandra Theatre until June 14) is neither fish, nor fowl, nor good red herring.

Peter Hall, director of the British National Theatre, deserves much credit for his audacity in daring to convert George Orwell's grim 1945 political allegory of the Russian Revolution into a stage musical for young people.

But, alas, again to use a British saying, it falls between two stools, failing to hold our attention as either an adult polemic or a children's pantomime.

As a satire, it lacks the malignant bite of Orwell's other anti-Communist parable, *1984*, and as an entertainment that humanizes animals, it certainly lacks the charm of the fantastical musical, *Cats*.

Hall's stage adaptation adheres pretty faithfully to the plot of the original novel, which Orwell subtitled a modern fairytale.

His narrator is an English schoolboy who takes down the story book from a bookcase on the starkly dark stage and begins to read it aloud.

The familiar fable then unfolds before our eyes about the animals in an English barnyard, led by a Stalin-like pig named Napoleon, who rise up in rebellion and throw off the shackles of mankind, chanting their battle song of hate, *Four Feet Good, Two Feet Bad!*

It ends, of course, with the betrayal of the revolution, with Napoleon winning the power struggle and perverting its initial idealistic credo to read: "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others."

The British actors — masked, costumed, and manipulating trotter or hoof-like surgical crutches — deliver a splendid, stylized performance in their emulation of the menagerie.

Unfortunately, though, their caricature of the decline of Bolshevism — the 2-year agricultural plans, the squabbling for leadership, the enforced confessions and the fake Moscow show trials — ultimately becomes tedious, like repeating variations of an unfunny 1-line joke.

As for the music, the kindest thing one can say about the songs is that they express primitive barnyard humor, just a slight cut above *Old McDonald Had A Farm*.

The entire hapless venture may be dismissed as a disappointing experiment in musical theatre, a hybrid of cross-breeding which has produced a ponderous panto.

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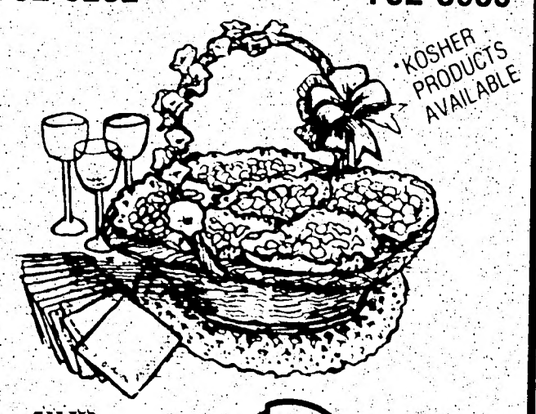

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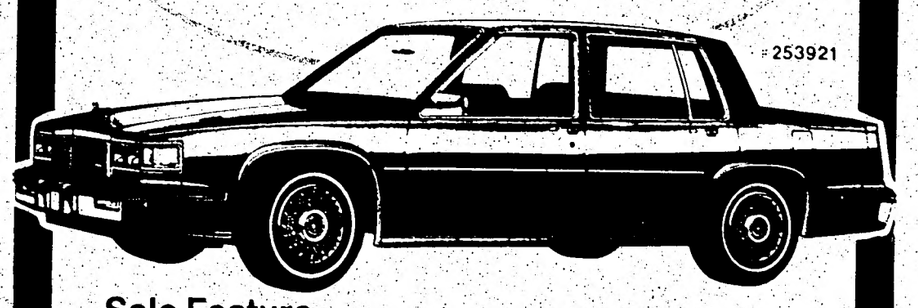

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Delightful charmer has universal theme

You don't have to be Jewish to appreciate Kuni Leml

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Kuni Leml (at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 630-6752, until May 31) is a Yiddish-flavored musical delight guaranteed to make you *plotz* with laughter.

It's a charmer in every way, full of zesty *tam* and *freilichkeit*.

And the theatre's artistic director, Reva Stern, has performed a *mitzvah* by staging here the award-winning musical comedy hit that recently completed its 18-month run Off Broadway.

What's more you don't have to be Jewish to appreciate it.

For the uninitiated, she has printed in the program a glossary of the show's Yiddish references. Like tasty raisins in a kugel, they range from *tallis* to *peyes*, *bubele* to *maidele*, and from *rebbe* to *gevalt*!

Another reason for bringing your non-Jewish friends to the show is that its theme is as universal as *Fiddler On The Roof*.

Responsible for the words and music is a triumvirate of New York collaborators, Nahma Sandrow, Raphael Crystal and Richard Engquist.

They have based their musical on *The Fanatic, Or The Two Kuni Lemls*, Avrom Goldfadn's classic 1880 Yiddish operetta, which, like Shakespeare's comedies, derives much of its humor from a mixup of identities.

Kuni Leml, the non-hero of the farce, can best be described as a *Phudnik* — a *nudnik* with a PhD.

In the show's hilarious opening number, *The Boy Is Perfect*, a chassidic matchmaker glosses over the imperfections of his scholarly shlemiel of the Polish shtetl near Odessa.

He turns out to be a shrimp who's got a limp, a squint, a stutter, and a hump.

But to Reb Pinchos, a prosperous and ardently religious businessman, all these deficiencies seem minor. After all, the nebish fellow is a thoroughly dedicated student of the Talmud.

In sharp disagreement with this evaluation of her prospective husband is his daughter, Chayele, who prefers to be known as Carolina.

She's a pioneer feminist, a wilful and well-educated maidele, who reads romantic novels, is pretentious about her ability to speak French, and is resolved instead to marry her handsome, impoverished tutor named Max.

Max is a guileful suitor, and the plot hinges on his attempt to outwit her patriarchal papa by masquerading in the guise of Kuni Leml.

The high point of the tomfoolery comes in the second act when the pair of them confront each other — each suitor bearded, sideburned, tallised, and caparisoned in black frock coats and broad-brimmed chassidic hats. In a scene cleverly stolen from a Marx Brothers movie, they ape each other, as though from two sides of a mirror.

Robert Rozen, who starred so brilliantly in the recent long-run Toronto musical *Little Shop Of Horrors*, is the company's standout farceur in the title role of Kuni Leml. He begins by squeezing laughs out of his caricature of the poor *farblondjet* shmendrik. But in keeping with the best of Jewish humor, he sings a plaintive ballad called *What's My Name?* in the second act, which succeeds in transforming the figure of fun into a loveable symbol of pathos.

The rest of the cast is uniformly solid.

I particularly enjoyed Faye Cohen as Carolina singing a tender ballad called *Lovesongs And Lullabyes*; Cindy Smith as the matchmaker's pious daughter who winds up marrying the stuttering Kuni while singing the peppy ode to husband-hunting, *Don't Worry, Darling*; and Nicholas Rice as the oldfashioned martinet Reb Pinchos berating his daughter with the refrain, *A Little Bit Of Learning Is A Lot Too Much*.

Likewise exceptional is the artistry of Caroline Smith, choreographer for Theatre Collingwood, making her debute with the Leah Posluns. Her black-robed chassidic dancers leap and prance and swoop across the stage like a joyous flock of manic ravens.

Altogether, it's a jubilant show, a good deed in a naughty world performed by a very gifted company of troupers.

Robert Rozen plays the title role of a nebish chassidic scholar and Cindy Smith a matchmaker's daughter in the musical comedy Kuni Leml at Leah Posluns Theatre.

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TORONTO —

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Arts

Artweek at AGO salutes Toronto's art community

gallery gatherings

By RON CSILLAG

A Space: *Graphic Feminism, 1970 Through 1986:* graphic arts by women artists opens May 14. 204 Spadina Ave., 364-3227.

Art Gallery of Ontario: Major exhibits include a retrospective by Harold Town, to July 6; drawings of North Baffin Island by Terry Ryan, to June 22; an exhibition of caricatures, to May 25; a volunteer committee of the AGO has organized Artweek in Toronto, (to May 18) a city-wide salute to Toronto's art community. Most of the city's galleries are participating. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

Bau-Xi Gallery: Paintings, Drawings and Monoprints by Brian Kipping, to May 18. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: *Impressions of Italy:* Oils by Myra Lowenthal, to May 23. 80 Spadina Ave., suite 304. 364-6181.

Carmen Lamanna Gallery: Film, photography and text by Louise Noguchi, to May 22. 840 Yonge St., 922-0410

Columbus Centre Art Gallery: Watercolors of Italy by Toronto Sun cartoonist Andy Donato, to May 18. 901 Lawrence Ave. W., 789-7011.

Craft Gallery: A juried show by the Toronto Potter's Association, to May 25. 346 Dundas W. 977-3551.

Del Bello Gallery: *Women and Wildlife* : Recent watercolors, lithographs and drawings by Blair Drawson, to May 31. 363 Queen St. W., 593-0884.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Sculptures and works on paper by Joe Dine ends May 15; paintings by Andres Weishaupt opens May 17; paintings by Sylvia Safdie to May 22. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: A collection of signed and numbered lithographs and etchings by the acclaimed artist Theo Tobiasse, to June 5. 334 Dundas W., 591-8461.

Gallery Desdnere: *The Automatists Then and Now*, a group show to May 21. 12 Hazelton Ave., 923-4662.

Gallery Moos: New paintings by Lester Johnson opens May 17. 136 Yorkville Ave., 922-0627.

Gallery NYAC: *Eye on Art:* The annual juried art show, to May 18. 7 Edithvale Dr., 225-4486.

Gallery One: Recent paintings by Kenneth Noland opens May 17 121 Scollard St., 929-3103.

Gallery Quan: Recent large-scale Polaroid photographs by the artist Evergon, to May 29. 112 Scollard St., 968-7822.

Garnet Press: Litho Printing/Gallery: A solo exhibit of paintings by John Abrams, to June 7; *Swamp Life*, an outdoor installation by Olive Kellhammer, to July 1. 580 Richmond St. W., 366-5012.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: The First Potters of Ontario, a show of Ontario pottery by pre-17th century Indian tribes, to June 8; pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain and Italian majolica" continues. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Glass Art Gallery: A one-man show of glass sculpture by William Morris, to May 24. 21 Hazelton Ave., 968-1823.

Grunwald Gallery: New paintings by Alan Glicksman, to May 22. 80 Spadina Ave., 365-3103.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: How We See What We See: A group show by eight artists to May 18; photographs by Justin Wonnacott in the photography gallery to May 18. 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

Hollander York Gallery: Paintings of Inuit lifestyles on Baffin Island by Anna Noeh, opens May 17. 120 Scollard St., 923-9275.

Holt Renfrew: A special 3-week exhibit of stone sculptures by Joe Falk, opens May 15 on the 3rd floor. 50 Bloor W. 922-2333.

Isaacs Gallery: Paintings by John Meredith, to May 16; paintings by Vancouver artist Brian Burnett opens May 17; paintings by Lorne Wagman opens May 17. 832 Yonge St., 923-7301.

Jane Corkin Gallery: *Objects of Desire:* Photographs by Sheila Metzner, to May 31. 179 John St., 979-1980.

John B. Aird Gallery: *The Hungarian-Canadian Exchange:* Contemporary Hungarian sculptures, to May 28. This was formerly the Macdonald Gallery. 900 Bay St., 965-6017.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Photo-drawings by Fern Helfand; drawings and lithographs by Diane Pugen, both shows to June 5. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Klonaridis Gallery: New paintings by Robert Natkin, to May 24. 144 Front St. W., 979-1090.

Koffler Gallery: *The Spirit of the Land:* An exhibit of Inuit sculpture, wallhangings and works on paper from prominent North York collections, to June 6. 4588 Bathurst St., 636-1880.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Miniature paintings by Kate Collie; paintings by Christina Lazar, both to May 22. 80 Spadina Ave., 965-9515.

Maison de la Culture: *Le Monde de Joso/Joso's World:* multi-media works by Joso Spralja, to May 24. 2275 Bayview, 487-6203.

Marianne Friedland Gallery: Paintings by Hans Hoffman to May 20. 122 Scollard St., 961-4900.

Market Gallery: *Above it All: Ten Years of the CN Tower*. Paintings, drawings, cartoons and posters of the CN Tower in its anniversary year, to June 6. 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: *Wilderness for All:* landscape paintings in oil and watercolor of Canada's mountain parks, to June 1; 60 paintings and drawings by Victoria artist Bertram Binning, to June 8; a retrospective by Angus Trudeau opens this month. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mercer Union: *The Interpretation of Architecture*. Works by some 40 artists and architects organized by the YYZ Artists' Outlet, to May 31. 333 Adelaide W., 977-1412. Also at the following galleries: S.L. Simpson, Gallery 76, Ydessa Gallery and YYZ.

Mira Godard Gallery: Recent paintings by Jean McEwan, opens May 17. 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Nancy Poole's Studio: Painted constructions and canvases by Annete Dyon, to May 15; paintings by Rosemary Sloot, May 17-29. 16 Hazelton Ave., 964-9050.

Olga Korper Gallery: Sculptures by Claude Luneau, to May 21. 80 Spadina Ave., 363-5268.

Ontario Potters Association: Porcelain by Robert Tetu, to May 21. 140 Yorkville, 923-1803.

Royal Ontario Museum: Maya: Treasures of an Ancient Civilization, a collection of Mayan artifacts, continues to June 15; Around the World: A Selection of Recent Gifts of Costume and Textiles; an international collection of fashions, costumes and textiles, to June 15; Silver From the Growing Collections, an exhibit of silver pieces, to September; an exhibit of 22 oil paintings from Canada's National Portrait Gallery; rare Jewish artifacts originating from Kaifeng, China, on indefinitely; Glimpses of Excellence, a collection of vases from the 1st century BC to the 16th century, on loan from Elie Borowski, to July. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5551 2/3.

Sable-Castelli Gallery: Paintings by Komar and Melamid, May 17-31. 33 Hazelton Ave., 961-0011.

Sandra Ainsley Artforms: Works by renowned glass artist Richard Marquis, to May 24. 55 Avenue Rd., 968-8685.

Toronto Photographer's Workshop: Photos by Cheryl Sourkes, to May 20. 80 Spadina Ave., suite 310, 362-4242.

Toronto Sculpture Garden: *Paradise Now and Then:* New works by three sculptors, to July. 115 King St. E.

Waddington & Shiell Galleries: New bronzes by Dame Elizabeth Frink, to May 17, new paintings by Pat Service opens May 21. 33 Hazelton Ave., 925-2461.

Weller Gallery: Watercolors by Dominique Prevost, to May 17; multimedia works by Scott Gwlliams, opens May 20. 104½ Scollard St., 967-1851.

Whitman Gallery: Paintings in oil and gouache by Twyla Webster, to June 7. 2156 Yonge St., 489-2971.

Wynick/Tuck Gallery: Works by Doris McCarthy; new paintings, sculpture and works on paper by Carrol Moppet, both to May 21. 80 Spadina, 364-8716.

Yaneff Gallery: Paintings and drawings by Eric Freifeld, to May 24; drawings and watercolors by James Houston opens May 8. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

Ydessa Gallery: *Regal Decor:* An installation by Liz Magor, to May 31. 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

York University Art Gallery: Selected works by Christopher Finn, to June 13. Ross Bldg. room N-145, 4700 Keele St., 667-3441.

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Birthplace of U.S. Constitution

American Jewish history made in Philadelphia, too

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

PHILADELPHIA —

This fifth largest city in the United States next year, 1987, celebrates the 200th anniversary here of the creation of the Constitution of the United States.

Of special interest is the fact that American Jewish history was made here also. In 1802 Philadelphia became the first community in the country to have two Jewish religious organizations with the formation of the Ashkenazi Rodeph Shalom Congregation. The Sephardi congregation of Mikveh Israel was founded in 1782.

Wherever you go in this city, founded by William Penn in 1682, a Quaker, for all religious minorities, there are museums or monuments to its history. Here is Independence Hall where the United States declared its independence from Great Britain after the American Revolution of the 1770s. Nearby is the old Mikveh Israel Cemetery, first used about 1740, soon after the first Jewish merchants arrived from what is now New York about 1737.

Also close by Independence Square is the National Museum of American Jewish History at 55 North Fifth St., filled with memorabilia of early Jewish settlement in the former British colonies and the early years of the country's independence. Here also is today's Mikveh Israel Congregation, moved from its earlier site, where regular services are held. It is a tourist attraction as well and there are guided tours of the building and its historic artifacts.

Philadelphia has museums of all kinds, well over a hundred in all. Some of the major ones are along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, which is a broad boulevard into the central part of the city. Along its route is the Franklin Institute, a vast wonderland of science for young and old.

Not far away is the Academy of Natural Sciences with dinosaurs and gems. At 26th St. and the Parkway is the rambling Philadelphia Museum of Art, one of the largest museums in the city, noted for its outstanding collection of both European and American paintings, oriental exhibits and American furniture. At 22nd St. and the Parkway is the Rodin Museum, boasting the largest collection of the sculptor's works outside of Paris. Nearby is the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, displaying 200 years of the best America has to offer.

If you recall, as this travel reporter does, the illustrations of Norman Rockwell on the old Saturday Evening Post covers, you'll want to visit the Norman Rockwell Museum in the old Curtis Publishing Building at 6th and Walnut, where many of the original paintings are on display. And for mystery story buffs there is the Edgar Allan Poe Museum at 532 North 7th St., where the works of this 19th century author are on display as well as the restored rooms where he worked.

There is a Perelman Antique Toy Museum at 268-270 South Second St., a Mummers Museum at Second St. and Washington Ave., where the costumes used in the various annual Mummers Parades are displayed, and you can visit the United States Mint at Arch and Fifth Sts.

Probably the first radio broadcast in the United States was from KDKA Pittsburgh, and so there is a Radio Museum in Philadelphia at 22nd St. and the Parkway where early broadcast equipment and receivers are on show. One of the early manufacturers of radio receivers was Atwater Kent and at the Atwater Kent Museum at 15 South St. you'll be able to see more of this early receiving equipment used in the 1920s and 1930s.

There is much, much more in this city for sightseeing. But after some 300 years of development, what is claimed as the "most historic square mile in America" is still the city's focal point for most visitors. That historic area, Independence National Historical Park, features some of the country's most beloved monuments, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.

The footsteps of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Adams and other famous Americans echo through the park's original buildings. Carpenters' Hall was the meeting place for the first Continental Congress in 1774. Independence Hall served the Second Continental Congress. The first United States representatives gathered in Congress Hall and its Supreme Court met in the Old City Hall.

Bordering Independence Park are Old City and Society Hill, including Elfreth's Alley, the oldest occupied residential street in the country. Society Hill is now spiced with boutiques and intriguing dining spots, looking very much as it did 200 years ago. The tiny cobblestone streets are lined with restored townhouses.

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5,000 fressers ate free and Wolfie Cohen never looked back

It's well worth waiting your time at Rascal House

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

MIAMI BEACH —

In this glittering haunt under the sun hard by the Atlantic Ocean, Wolfie Cohen is a legend in his own time.

During the late autumn and winter months, when Canada and the northern parts of the U.S. are besieged by cold winds and icy snow, Miami Beach (which is served by Eastern Airlines) is inundated by thousands upon thousands of people, mainly elderly, who converge on sunny, semi-tropical Florida for relief.

More than a few of the visitors are Jewish, although an increasing number seem to be French Canadians. In Miami Beach, a snowbird tries hard to relax in an effort to get away from it all. And since good food is one of the prerequisites of a little R & R (rest and recreation), restaurants play their part in comforting the poor souls who spend their winters so far from home.

If there is a jewel in the crown of Miami Beach restaurants, it is probably Wolfie Cohen's Rascal House (172nd and Collins Ave.)

This is not merely hype or hearsay. Rascal House, which seats 425 diners, is busy from morning to night, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Last year, an estimated 1.5 million diners frequented Rascal House, spending about $8 million in the course of eating their way through specialties like griddle cakes, corned beef and pastrami sandwiches, stuffed cabbage, chicken in a pot, boiled fish and key lime pie.

Such is its enduring popularity that "kosher-style" Rascal House, which celebrates its 32nd anniversary in May, has become an institution along the motel/hotel strip on Collins Ave.

Long lines form at breakfast and do not really break up until past midnight. If you want to dine at Rascal House, you have to wait your turn. Sometimes, you wait for as much as one hour. No reservations are accepted. Everyone on the line is considered equal, whether or not they sport flashy diamond rings on their pinkies.

The portions at Rascal House, just steps away from vast condominium developments, are gigantic. The food itself is good, maybe very good. The prices are reasonable.

The man behind Rascal House is a semi-retired restaurateur who was born in Schenectady, NY, and waited on tables in the borscht belt before making his fortune in Florida.

According to Arthur Goodman, one of three owners of Rascal House, Cohen was attracted to Miami Beach because it was "a new frontier" in the 1940s.

Cohen opened his first restaurant, Al's Sandwich Shop, in 1943 and went on to open Wolfie's 21st Street (1947), Wolfie's Lincoln Road (1948), Pumpernik's (1951) and Samy's (1952).

In 1954, when the area around 172nd was more mangrove swamp than motel, Cohen gambled by opening Rascal House. A master of public relations, Cohen invited all comers into his restaurant free of charge. Five thousand fressers accepted his invitation, and Cohen never looked back.

His competitors, who were hardly amused, howled with indignation. They called him The Rascal, and the moniker stuck.

In the beginning, nine out of 10 of Cohen's customers were local residents. But today, the proportions are reversed.

Norman Stamler, one of the partners, says that repeat business and huge volumes are two of the keys to the restaurant's success. "We give our customers big, big value. But the only way we can afford to do that is with a large volume."

What this means in practice is perpetual congestion and incessant noise. Arthur Goodman, who bought into Rascal House 12 years ago, looks at it another way. "It's a meeting place, for people to be indoctrinated into the South Florida lifestyle, a social experience waiting to be served."

Rascal House, which takes pride in serving fresh food, has its own bakery and butcher shop, where vats of corned beef are cured in brine.

The kitchen, with its 80-gallon steam cookers, polished stainless steel counters and blackened stoves, is a madhouse. Rascal House has 245 employees, 15 of whom cook and 17 of whom bake. One hundred and thirty waitresses serve on tables.

Steven Stamler, the 36-year-old son of Norman, says Rascal House buys $2.7 million worth of food annually. "We use 10,000 pounds of corned beef weekly, 10,000 dozen eggs monthly and 225 chickens and 1,500 dozen rolls and bagels daily. Every year, we purchase $90,000 worth of smoked fish."

The management estimates that, from 1954 until 1983, Rascal House served 73 million people, 12.7 million corned beef sandwiches, 1 million cheese cakes, 4.5 million matzoh balls, 190 million rolls, 35 million bagels, 2.8 million chickens and 650,000 gallons of fresh orange juice.

Given its high Jewish clientele, alcoholic beverages account for only 1% of Rascal House's yearly food and drink sales.

Steven Stamler, who has worked at Rascal House since boyhood, says the owners have no plans to open a branch elsewhere in Miami Beach. "That would be too easy," he says. "The true test of any restaurant is maintaining a reputation and retaining a personal touch. That's what we're trying to do."

Air Canada introduces service to Manchester

TORONTO —

Air Canada has introduced a new service to Manchester, England, and is increasing its transatlantic frequencies based on its growing success in international markets, the airline states.

Since 1981, Air Canada's traffic between Canada and Europe has increased by 40% despite low traffic growth for most airlines on these routes. The major portion of the increase represents business travel. In fact, the airline's share of business travel between Canada and Europe grew by seven percentage points to 43% over this period. Currently, seven Canadian carriers and some 15 scheduled international airlines operate between Canada and Europe.

On April 27, Air Canada inaugurated a new route from Toronto via Glasgow to Manchester. A second weekly frequency will begin June 20, non-stop from Toronto. The new service will give the airline access to a highly industrialized area of 20 million people.

Air Canada is also increasing its established network. The Bombay/Singapore route inaugurated in January will operate four times a week compared to the current three flights a week.

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Starting June 17, an additional weekly flight from Western Canada will bring to 14 the total number of weekly flights from British Columbia and Alberta to the United Kingdom. Calgary/Edmonton will serve London on a daily basis, while for the first time ever, the daily flights from Vancouver will all become non-stop.

Service to Glasgow during the peak season will also be increased, with one additional flight out of Toronto.

Air Canada attributes its popularity on international routes to the 1982 introduction of a 3-class service which includes an enclosed, separate cabin for business class travelers. Facilities and services in that section are basically the same as those formerly offered in the first class cabin. As for first class, the service was also revamped to include sleeperettes, more space and even more elaborate meals and in-flight amenities.

In 1985, Air Canada was chosen from among 700 world airlines to be winner of the Passenger Service Award given by the aviation journal, Air Transport World. Among other facets, the airline's in-flight service merited particular recognition, especially on North Atlantic routes where it was termed, "one of the best kept secrets in the industry."

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Not question of which is better

Annuities, RRIFs suitable for different needs

The Readers Ask

By
MURRAY SHERR & BUNNY BERGSTEIN

Question: My friends have been discussing annuities and RRIFs. Some think that annuities are better, others think that RRIFs are better. It seems that those who feel the annuities are better believe that they are older and therefore tested and true. The others think that RRIFs are better because the government tried to bring in some new formulas. Can you please explain the differences and which you think is best.

Answer: It is impossible to state that one is better than the other. They are both meant to be methods of withdrawing RRSP funds at retirement. The difference is not one of being better or worse, but rather that one suits your requirements as an individual better than the other. We have worked with many people for whom an annuity is best, and we have also worked with many people where RRIFs suited better. There are also those who need a combination of both annuities and RRIFs.

Generally speaking, an annuity gives a higher income than a RRIF in the early years. With the original RRIF formula, it usually takes the payment 10 to 12 years to catch up to the amount of the monthly annuity payment. Therefore, if you want or need the higher income when you retire, the annuity will give it to you. Similarly, the RRIF formula gives you less money in the first 10 to 12 years, but provides more money to draw upon in the second half of the RRIF (after age 80).

For those who want to set aside all future investment worries, decisions and costs, the annuity is by far the easiest to manage. Once it is arranged, all you have to do is receive your checks each month.

Some people are used to making investment decisions and will want to continue to do so for as long as possible. For them, an RRIF is good. They can even invest in risky ventures. They may win some, or they may lose some, but it is available to them. In our experience most people over age 70 want to reduce their risk-taking, not increase them.

The proposed changes in the budget of Feb. 26, 1986 will, when passed, make no change in the above matters. What it will do is allow for greater amounts of money to be withdrawn from the RRIF, and at the same time, allow cancelation of annuities, if desired. For some, this will broaden the scope for wheeling and dealing. For others, it will only add greater concern about what to do and how to handle their retirement dollars.

Therefore, the conclusion is: If you need funds for your good and welfare and enjoyment now, an annuity is best. If you have plenty of income now, and want to wait to draw on bigger amounts later, an RRIF may be better. Or a combination of the two may be the best overall plan as it provides increased income in the early years as well as producing higher income later on to offset inflation or emergency needs.

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Question: I have income from Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and substantial interest on savings. I am age 67. Do I require an RRSP?

Answer: The answer is probably yes; however, it depends on a number of other facts that you have not given us.

First, do you now have a sufficient income to get along? Do you have enough income to set aside some savings? An RRSP is a savings plan and requires funds to be invested.

Second, are you paying income tax? An RRSP is only of value if you are taxable because it helps reduce your net taxable income. Therefore, you pay less income tax in the year for which the deposit qualifies.

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For lawyers, accountants, underwriters

Endowment Fund plans seminar

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For the ninth year in succession, the United Jewish Welfare Fund Endowment Fund will hold a seminar for lawyers, accountants and underwriters, this time with a stress on the impact of legislative reforms and budgetary changes.

Anywhere from 300-500 professionals are expected to attend the day-long seminar, which will feature "top-of-the-line, highly professional presentations," says Benjamin Schneider, consultant to the Endowment Fund.

Wolfe D. Goodman, one of Canada's foremost tax lawyers, will deliver the keynote address on the use by businesses of the charitable foundation, Schneider says.

Other speakers include lawyer Ruth Mesbur, who will discuss "The quiet revolution" — the impact of the Family Law Act and Sheldon H. Goodman, who will speak on the $500,000 lifetime capital gains exemption and implications for estate freezing and holding companies.

Accountant Aki Chencinski will cover the potential impact of the alternative minimum tax and Harley Mintz will speak on "Income splitting — trickier than the atom."

Following the presentations, the panelists will field questions from the audience.

Fee for the seminar, to be held at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. on Wednesday June 4, is $90, including lunch. $50 for students, lawyers and accountants in their first year of practice.

The seminar is sponsored by the professional advisory committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund Endowment Fund - Toronto Jewish Congress, co-chaired by lawyers Gordon E. Cooper and Sheldon Silver and accountant Irving Rosen.

The Endowment Fund is a major fund raising and planning instrument of the Jewish community with approximately $12 million in assets, Schneider says.

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TORONTO —

Toronto is a city with companies on the move, the most recent edition of The Office Network's International Market Report shows. Together with Manhattan, Toronto had 14 major relocations involving 100,000 square feet or more in 1985, ranking it fourth behind Dallas (29), Chicago (21) and Washington (20).

In a recent release, the Market Report surveyed 32 markets in six countries, for a total of more than 2 billion square feet. Toronto ranked 12th in the international cities surveyed, with total surveyed office space of 67.6 million square feet.

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J. J. Barnicke Ltd., as the sole Canadian affiliate of The Network, conducted the survey of the Toronto market.

The fact that Toronto had 14 major relocations indicates that it "is one of the world's finest office markets, due to its economic balance, diversity and stable growth," said Christopher Ridabock, vice president of office leasing.

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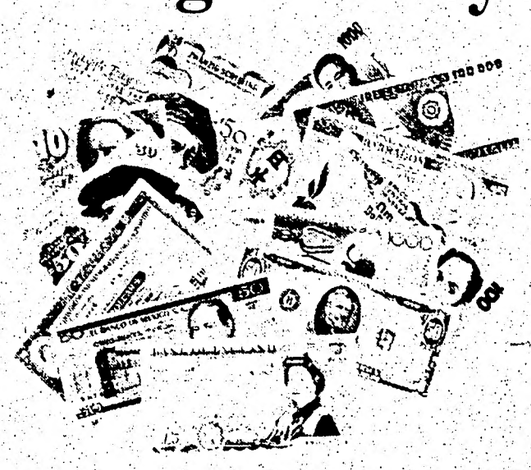

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Israeli occupation affects its psyche

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Israelis tend to discuss their problems openly and often, says Prof. Aron Shai, visiting history lecturer at the University of Toronto. It is more difficult, he admits wryly, to find proper answers.

Speaking "informally and frankly" to a large meeting of the Parents of North American Israelis organization, Shai, on sabbatical leave from Tel Aviv University, discussed some of the difficulties faced by Israel today.

Although the 1967 Six Day War was a military success, the professor noted, it meant that Israel had to absorb and rule a huge number of unfriendly Arabs on the West Bank and Gaza with all the attendant problems that situation has created.

While Shai believes that the Israeli occupation and rule has been unusually benign, he questions the affect the situation has had on the Israeli psyche.

"Israel was not only created to provide a shelter for homeless Jews; the intention was to create a certain quality of life — a nation which is in itself a symbol."

Political polarization is growing, he warned, because of ideological divisions concerning the fate of the territories and the treatment of the Arab population.

Due to a strong economic restraint policy undertaken by the coalition government, inflation has been reduced from 425% to 25% in a relatively short time. Unfortunately, Shai said, unemployment, especially in border and new settlement areas, has increased dramatically.

A related problem, she explained, is that while both the Labor and Likud members of the ruling coalition, realize that at some point restraint must lessen to allow the economy to grow, they each want to ensure that the change happens so that they will get the credit for it.

Since Prime Minister Shimon Peres must step down in favor of the Likud's Yitzchak Shamir (now foreign minister) this October, "there is intense political maneuvering going on constantly." Shai said the majority of Israelis feel Peres is honor bound to keep the bargain made after the last election.

Although we like to think of Israel as a unified nation ("in times of testing it has proved to be so,") Shai lamented the fact that when things are calmer, social and religious differences become apparent.

These differences are especially evident on the local level, he said, where municipal governments have to balance the demands of the Orthodox to maintain religious laws, and the insistence by secularists that their humanitarian, nationalistic or liberal ideals are just as important and valid.

The professor believes that the peace treaty with Egypt has been very important, not just because Israel has not had a war with its largest Arab neighbor for nine years, but because there is a greater sense of security, not only militarily, but spiritually. "There is more desire to guard and preserve what we have."

On the other hand, Shai said, one can't feel too secure. "The situation in Egypt could change, and at any moment the peace treaty might be thrown out. After all, Arab moderates, the few there are, tend to not live too long."

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